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## LI CHAI-SUM.

### SUDDEN DEPARTURE FOR SHANGHAI!

#### GOES WITH MR. WANG.

##### Speedy Journey By Rail From Canton.

##### TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW NATIONALIST CONVENTION.

To the surprise of a good many, General Li Chai-sum, the commander-in-chief at Canton, did accompany Mr. Wang Ching-wei when the latter sailed from Hong Kong at daylight this morning on the "Empress of Asia" for Shanghai.

News reached Hong Kong yesterday that General Li and Mr. Wang, the latter being the leader of the Leftist politicians of the Nationalist Party, were coming down on the torpedo-gunboat "Fei Ying," timed to arrive last night when they would immediately tranship to the C.P.R. liner without landing here.

There was a hitch in the arrangements and a private cable from a well-informed source stated that General Li was not going to Shanghai.

#### SPEEDY TRAIN JOURNEY.

However, the commander-in-chief of Canton was with Mr. Wang when a special train drew in at Kowloon at 1.30 a.m. last night. The party of officials, with their secretaries, boarded the "Empress of Asia" at Kowloon wharf and left this morning. The "China Mail" correspondent in Canton says that the special train did not leave Taisa-tau till 11 p.m. In that event, the journey of nearly 110 miles took only 2½ hours (more than an hour faster than the express), including a change of engine when the train crossed from the Chinese to the British section at Lowu.

Arrangements to meet the train were made by the Police and, in view of the late hour, the arrival in Hong Kong of Canton's "strong, silent soldier" was hardly noticed.

#### MUCH SURPRISE.

Li Chai-sum's Adversion to Politics.

Opinion in Canton political circles up till yesterday evening was that General Li would prefer the

indicated, a civilian government would be set up with power over all Nationalist organisations.

It is common knowledge that General Li Chai-sum has been reluctant to participate in politics not immediately connected with Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces and there was considerable surprise when it was first announced on Monday that he was going to Shanghai.

#### Is There An Understanding?

The fact that General Li is travelling with Mr. Wang may be taken to provide close understanding between the two, although their personal views are different and they belong to different factions of the Nationalist Party.

Last week Mr. Wang relaxed his insistence on the convention being held at Canton. Then followed the smashing victory for the Nanking Government at Hankow, enhancing the prestige of Nanking, and there was a landslide in the political sense in favour of Shanghai as the venue.

#### CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Political Issues Connected With The Trip.

As the "China Mail" political correspondent points out, General Li Chai-sum went to Shanghai suddenly in April to consult General Chiang Kai-shek who had just then dealt most drastically with the Communists and labour agitators.

Within a few days of General Li's return to Canton, the anti-Communist coup was delivered in Canton and the extremists have been relegated to the background.

When the Ironsides returned to Canton under General Chang Fah-hui, the extremists thought that these soldiers, who are Leftist in political creed, would espouse their cause, but the extremists have been disappointed. The extremists made another try when Mr. Wang Ching-wei arrived in Canton and failed again.

#### Hopes for the Future.

General Chang Fah-hui came down to Hong Kong during the week-end, preceding Mr. Wang, and he is believed to have joined the distinguished party to attend the Shanghai convention.

In view of what happened in April, it may not be too much to hope that General Li will return with another scheme of consolidation to bring about improvements in the Canton Government.

The presence in Shanghai of General Chiang Kai-shek may have had some influence on General Li's trip, but Chiang Kai-shek is reported in vernacular cables to have returned to his native district in Fenghsia about a day's journey from Shanghai.

#### OFFICIAL NEWS.

Clearing Up Obstacles to Reconciliation.

In a letter dated Canton, Monday, Reuters' Hong Kong correspondent is informed by an authoritative Chinese source that General Li Chai-sum and Mr. Wang Ching-wei were to leave for Shanghai this week if accom-

## PEKING'S TAXES.

### New Luxury Imports Notified.

#### CHINESE MERCHANTS' PROTEST.

Sanction Of Dictator Not Yet Obtained.

Peking, Yesterday. Chinese business men are protesting against new luxury imports which the Ministry of Finance seeks to impose as from December 1.

The tax ranges from 10 to 30 per cent. on leather, clocks, toilet requisites, sugar, tea, kerosene, gasoline, and medicine, among other things.

#### Stamps to Be Affixed.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce is meeting to discuss measures to oppose the levy.

It is understood that the method of collection will be the same as for the cigarette surtax by which local merchants are required to buy revenue stamps to be affixed to the goods.

The sanction of the Dictator, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, for the new tax, has not been obtained by the Finance Ministry yet.—Reuters.

## BAD FOR NAVY.

### UNHEALTHY CONDITIONS IN MALAITA.

#### CRUISER TO RETURN.

Canberra, Yesterday. Owing to the unhealthy conditions in Malaita the naval force will be withdrawn at the earliest date possible. Mr. S. Bruce Prime Minister in the House of Representatives, said that a few volunteers and native police would suffice to maintain order.

The cruiser "Adelaide" will return to Sydney.—Reuters.

dation could be obtained a mail steamer.

It is explained that "this visit is necessary in order to clear some points which are obstructing a general reconciliation." The two Canton officials will probably meet General Chiang Kai-shek at Shanghai.

#### "Do Not Insist."

In the communication to Reuters, the Canton official adds:—"It is of the greatest importance to know if the joint meeting of the Central Executive Committee and the Commission of Supervision can be held anywhere, as Mr. Wang Ching-wei and General Li Chai-sum do not insist that such meeting be held in Canton."

Mr. Wang and General Li will return to Canton after the meeting at Shanghai which is regarded as a sort of preliminary conference.

Reuters is further informed that regarding the relations with the Foreign Powers both these Canton high officials favour peaceful and friendly intercourse.

#### "THE PARTNER."

General Wong Shiu-hung to Take Charge.

If he has not arrived there already, General Wong Shiu-hung of Kwangsi is expected at Canton momentarily. Advised in Canton, reports the "China Mail" correspondent, is that he has left Wu-chow, on the West River.

General Wong has a strong army which saved the day for General Li when the Ironsides flocked back to Canton. More so than General Wong Shiu-hung is in close touch with two of the leading Nanking generals and it is his influence which is mainly responsible for the pro-Nanking sympathy of Canton. General Wong is not unjustly termed the "partner behind the scenes" of General Li.

#### Travelling Incognito.

The names of General Li Chai-sum, Mr. Wang Ching-wei and General Chang Fah-hui were not in the passenger list supplied by the Canadian Pacific office.

There were, however, a number of names which can read "Li Wang" and "Chang" differences arising in whether the mandarin or Cantonese pronunciation is used. The practice of using aliases is common among Chinese officials and in no sense derogatory.

Accordingly, it is presumed that the officials booked passages in their private names.

## MISSION TROUBLE.

### Americans Threatened at Yeungkong.

#### EXTENSIVE CHURCH CENTRE.

Agitators Army The Workmen And Students.

Canton, Yesterday. Workmen and students are threatening the American Mission at Yeungkong—British Naval Wireless.

Yeungkong is on the coast of Kwangtung province, approximately 200 miles west of Hong Kong. There is no direct steamer accom-

#### FINE SPELL.

No Change in Weather Forecast.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this forenoon stated:—

A depression which formed over S.W. Manchuria yesterday is moving into the sea of Japan.

An anticyclone has formed over S. China.

Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

modation. Off and on, agitators have been causing trouble there to the small foreign community which is comprised mostly of missionaries. Yeungkong is an important mission centre, being the approach to extensive territory covered by both the Catholic and Anglican Churches. It is under the authority of pro-Canton officials.

## MEXICO EXPOSED.

MORE TELL-TALE DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED.

#### DESCRIBED AS FORGERIES.

Washington, Yesterday. The Mexican Embassy describes the alleged facsimiles of Mexican documents as "forgeries unworthy of comment."

The "New York American" is meantime publishing further facsimiles alleged to have been issued by President Calles or his subordinates, showing the trend of Mexican policy in regard to Nicaragua.—Reuters' American Service.

[A New York cable published yesterday stated:—"The New York American" reproduces the facsimile of a document purporting to be an order signed by the Mexican President Calles authorising the payment of 100,000 pesos to Zepeda for the purchase of arms and ammunition for the Liberal Revolutionary Army at Nicaragua.]

## BALLOON RECORD.

CLAIMED FOR AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.

#### A POSTHUMOUS HONOUR.

Washington, Yesterday. The President of the National Aeronautic Association has announced that a new balloon altitude record is credited to Captain Hawthorne Gray, United States Army aviator, who died on November 5 after ascending to a height of 42,470 feet.

The flight was marked on a barograph in Captain Gray's balloon and exceeded all previous records by nearly a mile.—Reuters' American Service.

## HAYLEY MORRIS.

DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS THIS MONTH.

HEAVY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

London, Yesterday. On the application of counsel for Hayley Morris, the Divorce Court fixed November 23 for the hearing of his suit against his wife.

Counsel explained that the application was necessary because the Home Office would have to be asked to remove him from his present prison to a more convenient spot to attend the proceedings.

## STILL NOT IN.

### Nanking Expedition To Hankow.

#### BRITISH SHIPPING SUSPENDED.

Tang Seng-chi's Army Retreating Up The Yangtze.

Hankow, Yesterday. Although the situation here is quiet, apprehension is still felt over the outcome of the Nanking victory.

All troops of the Wu-Han Government have evacuated Hankow but the Nanking force has not arrived.

The Hankow troops are concentrating at Chenglin, further up the Yangtze River (i.e., they are going in a direction opposite to that in which the victorious Nanking expedition is marching).

Ships Heavily Attacked. The rearward of the defeated Hankow force is near Kiangnan, a little below Hankow. Around here, river shipping has been heavily fired on by men on the shore.

British shipping between Hankow and Chenglin has had to be suspended.

Four pro-Nanking gunboats are anchored off Wuchang, the city opposite to Hankow.

The main body of the Nanking expedition is still 80 miles below Hankow.—British Naval Wireless.

#### GOING WEST.

Defeated Hankow Army to Join Yang Sen.

Chinese observers report movements by the defeated army of General Tang Seng-chi westwards, up the Yangtze River, instead of southwards into Hunan province, where their retreat has been cut off.

The "Kung Sheng" Yat Po states that this army will endeavour to join hands with General Yang Sen of Szechuan who, during the Yangtze War, has been moving down the upper Yangtze slowly to Ichang, which is 370 miles above Hankow.

In other words, the retreating army, marching away from Hankow rather than meet the Nanking expedition, has a long distance to go before it will attempt to carve out territory for itself.

#### Adventurer First in Race.

An overnight cable states that the most advanced unit of the Nanking forces is that under General Hsia Tiao-yen who joined the Nanking faction some months ago. This adventurer general came down from the upper Yangtze with Yang Sen and made a bid for Hankow. He failed and then marched by a circuitous route around Hankow to downriver, ultimately to be received into the Nanking fold.

Now he is taking part in a march on Hankow from downriver and it looks as if his ambition will, at last, be realised.

Three generals who supported Tang Seng-chi (two of whom have retired all the way upriver from Wuhu) are stated to be holding out in the Wu-Han cities against the Nanking expedition apparently, trying to dictate terms.

Tang Seng-chi's Flight. Shanghai, Yesterday.

It is understood that General Tang Seng-chi arrived here last night aboard the "Nanyang Maru" from Hankow. It is reported that he is now en route to Japan aboard the "Shanghai Maru," travelling incognito. This, however, has not been confirmed.—Reuters.

#### WAR IN NORTH.

Both Sides Claim Unconfirmed Victories.

Both sides claim successes in the war between the "Christian Generals" Kuominchun and the pro-Fengtien forces of Shanghai.

It appears that fighting continues on the boundary between Honan and Shantung provinces, making very slight progress.

In Peking, the Fengtien leaders are still boosting the much vaunted offensive against Shanai province but little seems to have been done, the rival armies being content to awaiting the result of developments elsewhere before committing themselves further.

Counsel for the respondent mentioned that there was a heavy claim for damages which formed the main content of the suit.—Reuters.

## CANTON DAY BY DAY.

### Bandits Held At Bay.

#### SUCCESSFUL ACTION.

Sequel Of Wholesale Looting Of Villages.

Effective tactics by a brigade of the 4th Nationalist Army (of which General Li Chai-sum, commander-in-chief at Canton, is the head) have brought disaster to bandits and pirates who are believed to have been connected with the firing on the A.P.C. boat "Yuenting" last week, at the entrance to Junction Channel.

The outlaws' lair is in the Koming district, which is to the west of Junction Channel, and is traversed and linked up by waters of the West River below Samshui.

17 Killed, 58 Captured. A local military guard detachment was ordered to co-operate by cutting off the bandits' retreat.

When the bandits found themselves surrounded they put up stout fight which lasted 48 hours.

Seventeen of their number were killed and fifty-eight captured. Nine captives (who were held to ransom) were rescued. Sixteen houses, known to be inhabited by the gang, were set on fire by the Chinese troops and burned to the ground.

The captured men were taken to Kulo, where there is now a military station.

#### British Gunboats Patrol.

It appears as if the Canton authorities are paying a good deal of attention to that part of the West River delta below Samshui, around Sainam and Kulo. The Sainam-Dosing motor tow-boat was subjected to fire from the shore a few days ago, when H.M.S. "Robin" intervened. Prior to this, the local British volunteers had driven off a band of raiders.

Now the Chinese troops are on the qui vive and, it may only be a coincidence, two or three British gunboats have been patrolling in the vicinity.

Villages Set In Flame. Complications in the bandit world resulted a few days ago, in part of a cluster of villages near Samshui being set on fire by raiders.

The local garrison had been transferred and the law-abiding inhabitants immediately negotiated with a robber chief for temporary protection. All of the neighbouring gangs were willing to be bought off but two members of which lived in houses in adjacent villages, refused.

"Ginger" & "Thunder King." "Ginger" Kien was the leader of one gang and "Short Fellow" Fook the head of the other. The negotiating robber chieftain withdrew. Thereupon the two gangs referred to enlisted the aid of other gangs whose leaders were also notorious for uncompunctuated nomenclature, such as "Crooked Mouth" Yue and "Thunder King" Chuen.

The combined gangs looted the villages thoroughly and then diabolically destroyed a number of dwellings.

Helpers Warned Off. People living some distance away were attracted by the flames. When they approached to assist in putting out the blaze, they were warned by the bandits that if they did not clear off, their homes would be dealt with similarly.

The fire was started to create confusion during which the robbers would be free to carry off the immense quantity of loot they had collected. The value in all being about \$30,000.

Near British Border. Territory around Blas Bay is again in a state of upheaval. That part of Kwangtung which has been in constant trouble during the last few years is known as the Taipang district, which is between Mrs. Bay and Blas Bay.

The raiders on previous occasions were under the guerrilla commander, Lo Kwan, whose following has been dispersed by pro-Canton troops. The miscreants this time are disbanded soldiers formerly under Lt. Gen. Hsu Chien, who was shot at Waichow for alleged disloyalty.

Robbery and other crimes are committed in villages close to the British border.

Autumn Manoeuvres. Canton is to have the novelty of autumn manoeuvres which are being held on new H.L. No. 27 in

## THREE TO ONE.

### Alleged Murder On Waterfront.

#### BODY THROWN IN HARBOUR.

Street Coolie's Tale To The Police.

The story of an alleged murder has been reported to the police by a street coolie.

According to the man, the murder occurred at 2 o'clock this morning on the waterfront in Connaught Road Central near the Shekji Junk wharf. The informant was sleeping under a verandah when he was awakened by the noise of a fight in which four men took part.

The fighters were struggling by the side of the wharf, and, as the coolie watched, it appeared to him that one man was being mercilessly beaten by the other three.

After putting up a desperate fight for a while, the unfortunate victim was felled by a blow on the head, and was apparently unconscious when, it is alleged, his assailants rolled him over the Praya wall into the harbour. The victim sank immediately, and did not reappear on the surface of the water.

Immediately after the three assailants are asserted to have thrown their victim into the harbour, they dashed under the verandah and ran off in an easterly direction.

The coolie very pluckily gave chase, raising the alarm as he ran, and this resulted in one of the fugitives being secured by a policeman. The other two men got away.

The arrested man is now being detained by the Police for inquiry into his part in the alleged murder, whilst a search of the harbour is being carried out with a view to recovering the body of the murdered man.

Front enquiries made this morning, a "China Mail" reporter gathered that it is not believed that the motive of the alleged attack was murder. Some guild or society is thought to be at the back of it.

areas not far from the eastern suburbs of the city.

The Commissioner of Agriculture and Labour has issued a notice forbidding employers to revoke agreements entered into with employees, the object of the order being to protect workers from being deprived of agreed rights.

Japanese Goods Returned. Representations have been made by the Japanese Consul-General in Canton against the alleged seizure by pickets of the Anti-Japanese Boycott Society of two baskets of goods consigned to a Japanese firm.

Mr. Tse Ying-bak, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Labour, states the report, has ordered the Boycott Society to return the merchandise to the owner.

An order has been issued by the Commissioner of Police in Canton to all stations that all notices or slogans in red (or in white letters on red ground) must be seized and retained by the Police.

20 Killed in Theatre Blaze. One of those huge, gaudy match structures of over 100 feet in height, with which some Europeans are familiar, was totally destroyed by a fire lasting only forty minutes, attended by the loss of over twenty lives.

These matcheds, as is generally known, are constructed in the countryside for Chinese operatic performances. One such is put up annually at Cheung Chow Island and other districts. In the Colony have their turn, which is invariably the occasion of a festival.

Very Small Beginning. Destruction of theatre matcheds by fire in Canton and country districts is not unknown. Such disasters are similar to the Hong Kong race course catastrophe of 1918 when about 600 persons perished.

The blaze this time was at Sek-kai, in the Poko district, along the East River. It had a very small beginning at the stall of a hawkers of congee, which was one of many under the main stand.

In the time stated, the conflagration spread rapidly. A good many of the audience, were injured in the subsequent crush and not a few were trampled on in the resultant panic.



General Li Chai-sum, commander-in-chief at Canton, who sailed for Shanghai to-day.

fastness of his headquarters to the unpromising atmosphere of a convention at Shanghai—a convention which has been a bone of contention and has been put off several times.

According to a cable to the "Hong Kong Evening Post," the fourth plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive and Supervisory Committees will be held at Shanghai next Monday. Officials from Nanking are proceeding thither, and Mr. Wang Ching-wei has been requested to bring the delegates in Canton along with him.

Common Knowledge. Mr. Wang and some of his supporters from Hankow only returned to Canton about a month ago. His pet theory than was to hold the Nationalist convention at Canton where, as his intentions



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SINGAPORE  
SOURABAYA  
Tientsin  
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Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.  
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.  
J. R. GEORGE, Manager.  
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 22nd September, 1927.

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Paid-up Capital ..... \$18,278,000.00  
Reserve Fund ..... \$9,629,425.24

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

HONG KONG BRANCH:  
4, Queen's Road Central.  
Hong Kong, 22nd September, 1927.

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Authorized Capital (R.C. Currency) ..... \$10,000,000  
Paid-up Capital ..... \$5,000,000  
Reserve Fund ..... \$5,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Batavia, Malacca, Singapore, etc.

Bombay, Nagasaki, Seattle, etc.

Calcutta, New York, Semarang, etc.

Canton, Osaka, Singapore, etc.

Hankow, Peking, Sourabaya, etc.

Hong Kong, Penang, Tientsin, etc.

Kobe, London, Lyons, etc.

Manila, Nagasaki, Yokohama, etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORE, Manager.

Hong Kong, 19th September, 1927.

COMMERCE  
AND  
FINANCE.

## SYNTHETIC RUBBER.

LONDON SCEPTICAL OF  
EARLY COMPETITION.

London, November 15.  
The steadiness of rubber prices on the London market reflects the scepticism regarding early competition of synthetic rubber with the natural product, notwithstanding German newspaper statements that the experimental stage has been passed and extensive manufacture by the Dye Trust is imminent, although the "Frankfurter Zeitung's" account of Dr. Weinberg's statement implies that the experimental stage has not been completed.

The "Times's" Cologne correspondent recalls that only two years ago a director of the Dye Trust stated that a way had not yet been found to circumvent the excessive production and costs, and it is, therefore, unlikely now in a position to place synthetic rubber on the market. The correspondent, however, states that no doubt the Dye Trust are making every effort to achieve their aim, and have possibly made great strides during the last few weeks.

It is learned from other sources that the Trust will shortly increase its capital to develop the new process together with the production of synthetic petrol.—Reuter.

## STRAITS RUBBER.

LATEST REPORT ON MARKET  
CONDITIONS.

Messrs. Guthrie & Co. Singapore, reported on Nov. 4:

During the past week the rubber market has ruled firm on good general buying and values show a further improvement particularly in the near speculative positions. Manufacturers have continued buying intermittently but strongly enough to create a high parity value for low grades.

A shortage of spot rubber rather emphasises buying, which in ordinary conditions would pass without remark. The sanguine temperamentalists have again taken a hand in advancing the premium on "futures," the basis of their hopes being the tightening up of Assam's output, the new basis of tapping to be enforced. The official return of exports for the month of October is 29,846 tons, of which 19,831 tons were shipped direct to the U.S.A.

London and New York lag behind the parity value of the local Market and export orders are unworkable. The U.S.A. Consumption estimate for October is 27,300 tons. Closing Quotations:—Spot 61, Nov. 61½, Dec. 62, Jan-March 63½, Apr-June 65½ uncertain.

There was a steady demand at the auctions, mainly covering sales to consumers. The sale opened at 59½ and later strengthened to 59½. Awarded standard sold privately at 59½. Of 444 tons catalogued 236 tons were offered and 264 tons sold.

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Authorized Capital ..... £3,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... £1,800,000  
Paid-up Capital ..... £1,050,000  
Reserve Fund and rest ..... £1,446,000

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O. L. BARBER, Manager.

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10, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong

Authorized Capital ..... \$10,000,000  
Paid-up Capital ..... \$5,000,000  
Reserve Fund ..... \$5,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Batavia, Malacca, Singapore, etc.

Bombay, Nagasaki, Seattle, etc.

Calcutta, New York, Semarang, etc.

Canton, Osaka, Singapore, etc.

Hankow, Peking, Sourabaya, etc.

Hong Kong, Penang, Tientsin, etc.

Kobe, London, Lyons, etc.

Manila, Nagasaki, Yokohama, etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 21st March, 1927.

## SHANGHAI SHARES.

OPTIMISTIC REPORT AT  
LAST.

Messrs. Crompton & Baker, Shanghai, in their report for the week ending November 5 state:—  
At last after many weary months one is able to write a report on the local share market unhampered by the depressing effect of trying to be cheerful without actually feeling the mood. The business, passing this week in almost every branch of stock and share has been most encouraging and gives rise to hope in investors and speculators in both rubbers and industrials may get back this winter some portion of what they have lost during a very bad year.

The volume of business has been far larger than has passed for a considerable period and a corresponding advance in prices has occurred, sellers naturally becoming reserved; there was a certain amount of profit taking in rubbers towards the end of the week, but the amount of scrip actually offered could not have been called large.

## Responsive At Last.

Rubber has changed its favours to those who have backed up the commodity through a trying period and, at the time of writing, there are signs that the firmness of home market may continue with, of course, an occasional reaction on speculative profit taking and bear raids. Stocks in London dropped a further 509 tons, making them 69,551, and the prediction for this week is a further decrease of 200 tons. It is hardly surprising that the resultant on the share market should be favourable to holders, and one is glad to be able to report very useful appreciations in almost all share values, and it appears possible that those who are still on the short side will find their profits materially reduced even if they do not turn into actual losses. The Chemor movement was extended slightly on a stronger opening market, bulls running their price up to 2.65, an advance of ten cents on last week's closing figure, at which rate a certain amount of covering is believed to have taken place, but it is possible that a downward reaction may take place when the shorts have taken their requirements. Tehongs have been the subject of a strong market with cash shares almost impossible to obtain at a 40 cent advance being registered during the week. Tanah Merahs are well inquired for and 1.45 and possibly better would paid for spot and December shares, whilst Java Consolidateds and Kroweows have been considerably in demand, closing with business done at 2.25 and 2.40 respectively.

## Comparative Table for the Week.

|              | Oct. 29  | Nov. 5   |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Rubber       | 1.75 1/2 | 1.75 1/4 |
| London       | 59 1/2   | 61 1/4   |
| Singapore    | 59 1/2   | 61 1/4   |
| New York     | 35 1/2   | 35 1/2   |
| Shares       |          |          |
| Anglo-Java   | 8.10     | 9.00     |
| Chemor       | 2.55     | 2.67 1/2 |
| Consolidated | 3.25     | 3.70     |
| Java Con-    |          |          |
| solidated    | 2.05     | 2.25     |
| Kroweow      | 2.20     | 2.40     |
| Tanah Merah  | 1.22 1/2 | 1.47 1/2 |
| Tebong       | 2.55     | 3.00     |
| Ziangbe      | 7.20     | 7.75     |

## Shipings Strong; Mills Quieter.

There has been a very good inquiry for New Engineering and there is no doubt that 4.75 would be paid for the Ordinary shares, whilst a big turn-over has been made in Preference which closed at their par value of 5. Docks are coming in for much more attention and a further rise is almost certain, 90 now being offered as compared with 80½ of a week ago. Wharves have improved from buyers at 145 to 147½ offered, and more would be paid were shares forthcoming. Shares have, on the other hand, been much quieter and undergone a slight reaction. Ewos being now obtainable at approximately 7½ cash and 7.65 December, but there are no sellers for March at almost any price under 8. The demand for Orientals fell right away and they now stand somewhere between 2.10 and 2.25, without much interest being taken. A very large volume of business has taken place in Debentures, mostly at improved rates, other issues than Shanghai Municipals coming into the market, such as Shanghai Lands, French Municipals, Waterworks and Race Clubs, and the outlook for debenture holders appears rather brighter.

## The following are the closing prices:

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| S.M.C. 7 per cent. 1922     | 93 1/2 |
| " 7 per cent. 1920          | 95     |
| " 6 per cent. 1920          | 98 1/2 |
| " 8 per cent. 1922          | 102    |
| " 8 per cent. 1922          | 93 1/2 |
| F.M.C. 5 1/2 per cent.      | 74     |
| Shai Lands 6 per cent. 1909 | 98     |
| " 6 per cent. 1911          | 88     |
| " 6 per cent. 1922          | 83     |

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## BERLIN EXCHANGE.

SLUMP REGARDED AS  
TEMPORARY.

Berlin, Nov. 8.  
The Berlin Exchange rallied this morning, but small holders are expected to sell out, causing a renewed slump.  
Notwithstanding yesterday's slump (considered more a psychological reaction to the memorandum than an economically justifiable movement), German experts display confidence and point out that the memorandum's criticisms, though mainly justifiable, had not told anything new.

Summing up the question, the Deutsche Allgemeine hopes that Mr. Parker Gilbert will commend the adoption of the Reichs Government's reforms as frankly as he has criticised their delay.

## SUGAR CONFERENCE.

ONLY SAFEGUARD FOR  
BRITAIN.

London, Yesterday.  
In a letter to the Press Association referring to the Paris sugar conference decision, Mr. Ben Morgan, Chairman of the Sugar Federation of the British Empire, declares that Great Britain will again be subject to organised foreign control of a stable foodstuff.

The only safeguard lies in the development of the Empire sugar industry.

The Federation asks for the free entry of Empire sugar into Great Britain if sold to a British refiner.—Reuter.

## New York Securities.

New York, Yesterday.

Following the announcement of the Paris sugar conference decision sugar securities were unusually active on the Stock Exchange, the advances ranging from two to four points.—Reuter's American Service.

## U. S. FARMERS.

PRESIDENT AGAINST TARIFF  
REDUCTIONS.

Washington, Yesterday.







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LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.  
SUWA MARU Saturday, 10th November.  
FUSHIMI MARU Saturday, 3rd December.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.  
MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd November.  
TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st December.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.  
MURORA MARU Sunday, 27th November.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.  
BOKUYO MARU Thursday, 17th November.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.  
WAKASA MARU Thursday, 24th November.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.  
TSUYAMA MARU Friday, 18th November.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.  
DAKAR MARU Friday, 19th December.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.  
MORIOKA MARU Friday, 18th November.

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TANGO MARU Friday, 18th November.

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LONDON, HAVRE about the 25th November.

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|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| SPHINX        | —                        | —                                                   | 22nd Nov.                              |
| PORTHOS       | —                        | —                                                   | 6th Dec.                               |
| PAUL LEVAT    | —                        | —                                                   | 20th Dec.                              |
| ANDRE LEBLANC | —                        | —                                                   | 3rd Jan. 1928                          |
| CHRYN-NABAUX  | —                        | —                                                   | 17th Jan.                              |
| ANGERS        | —                        | —                                                   | 31st Jan.                              |

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## SHIPPING SECTION.

### COMING TOURISTS.

OCEAN STEAM YACHT DUE IN FEBRUARY.

"AUSTRALIA" ALSO COMING.

Preliminary announcements have been made for the coming tourist season of the visit to Hong Kong and the Far East of the "Empress of Australia" which was taken off the Pacific run last year for engine re-fitting in England; and of the British and Norwegian Royal Mail vessel, "Meteor," both of which are due to arrive in Hong Kong in February.

The latter vessel is described as an ocean steam yacht, specially fitted out for luxurious travelling.

Built by Blohm and Voss, of Hamburg, in 1904, the "Meteor" is a vessel of 3,717 gross tonnage, with a length of 346.2 feet, beam 44.2 feet and moulded depth 26.4 feet. She was engine by the builders, and develops a N.H.P. of 235. She is owned by the A. S. Det. Bergenske Dampskibsselskab, and is registered at Bergen under the Norwegian flag.

The "Meteor" leaves Harwich early in December, and arrives at Gibraltar on December 12, from whence she continues her trip via Monte Carlo, Malta, Port Said, Palestine, Aden, Colombo, Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya, Macassar, Moluccas, Philippines, Hong Kong, Saigon, Bangkok, Rangoon, Madras, Bombay, Aden, Port Sudan, Alexandria, Naples, Monte Carlo, and again from Gibraltar to Harwich, which port will be reached on April 21, 1928.

The vessel is due at Hong Kong on February 12 and remains here for two and a half days.

The cruise will last for 137 days, and covers 25,000 miles. She has 120 single cabins and 23 double cabins.

### BRITISH FIRM IN LIQUIDATION.

DEFICIENCY ESTIMATED AT £113,238.

London, Nov. 2.  
A liquidator with a Committee of Inspection has been appointed in connection with the 30-year-old shippers and merchants, Messrs. Lyon Lord and Company, Limited, following meetings of the firm's creditors in Manchester, at which the deficiency was estimated to total £113,238.

The firm attributed the downfall to the failure of Indian merchants to accept delivery of goods, owing to falling markets and to allowances granted to customers to induce them to take up orders.

The coolie who was injured whilst boarding a.s. "Fatsan" on Monday afternoon died in the Government Civil Hospital at 10 a.m. yesterday from shock and loss of blood.

The British vessel "Hong Hwa," from Penang and Singapore, with 997 deck passengers, reports the death en route of one who committed suicide by jumping overboard.

### LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Santhia (4,841) British, from Osaka, Shanghai, Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.—719 passengers, 780 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,429 tons general (through).  
Calchas (6,313) British, from Shanghai.—B. & S.—3 passengers, 6 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,284 tons general (through).  
Hydrangea (561) British, from Swatow.—Chiu On S.S. Co.—232 passengers, 56 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Onkridge (3,735) American, from Legaspi P. I.—Col. Pacific Co.—20 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,200 tons general (through).

Les Fils de Paul Doumer (704) French, from Tourane.—M. M.—1,180 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Dessau (4,117) German, from Singapore.—Melchers & Co.—650 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,100 tons general (through).

Cramer (2,755) Dutch, from Singapore.—C. J. L.—2,188 passengers, 487 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 135 tons general (through).

Gemma (5,337) Dutch, from Manila.—J. C. J. L.—5 passengers, 700 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,700 tons general (through).

Rollon (774) Norwegian, from Canton.—K. Larssen & Co.—Tonjer (1,949) Norwegian, from Canton.—Dodwell & Co.

Acasta (3,213) Norwegian, from San Pedro.—A. P. C.—6,840 tons fuel oil for Hong Kong.

Asama Maru (1,182) Japanese, from Dairen.—Suzuki & Co.—200 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,705 tons (through).

Karachi Maru (4,259) Japanese, from Singapore.—N. Y. K.—60 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 7,092 tons general (through).

Akita Maru (2,316) Japanese, from Singapore.—N. Y. K.—763 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,088 tons general (through).

Mikasa Maru (1,952) Japanese, from Milke.—M. B. K.—2,506 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Shu Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao.—Hoo Hing—62 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Devayongse (1,022) Chinese, from Hongkong Bay—Chau Yue Teng—1,800 tons salt for Hong Kong.

Departures.  
For Hongkong—Hung On, Rollon.  
For Takao—Gemma.

For K. C. Wan—Wing Wo.  
For Canton—Yunnan, Asama Maru, Linan.

For Nagasaki—Karachi Maru.  
For Shanghai—Dessau, Emp. of Asia.

For Manila—Taiping.  
For Dairen—Atsuta Maru 2.  
For Chinwantao—Tonjer.  
For Macao—Shu Hing.  
For Foochow—Yuen Sang.

For Singapore—Romolo, Calchas.  
For Swatow—Hong Hwa, Hai Hong.  
For Moji—Akita Maru.  
Clearance.  
For Moji—Bokuyo Maru.  
Shipping Abstract.

| British | Japanese | Norwegian | Chinese | Dutch | French | German | American | Italian | Panama | Portuguese |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|------------|
| 3       | 4        | 3         | 2       | 2     | 1      | 1      | 1        | 1       | 0      | 0          |
| 17      | 20       | 49        |         |       |        |        |          |         |        |            |

### MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on October 26 arrived at Vancouver on November 14.

The E. I. & Apear Line a.s. "Tainab" left Amoy for this port on November 13, and is due here this evening.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama yesterday at 9 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on November 22. She will sail for Manila on Wednesday, November 23 at 5 p.m.

The a.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) is due to sail from Sydney on November 10, and is expected here on or about December 4.

The E. & A. Company's a.s. "St. Albans" left Sydney for this port on November 12 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on December 5.

The M.V. "Ramo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Trieste on October 24, and is expected to arrive here on December 8.

The a.s. "Wray Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on October 16, and is expected here on or about December 10.

Chinese deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 1,164.

According to a report made to the police by a Chinese passenger on the a.s. "Empress of Asia," his cabin was entered during his absence, and money, jewellery and clothing worth \$100 stolen.

### ROTTERDAM TRADE.

ARRIVALS OF BRITISH COAL.

In September, arrivals of British coal at Rotterdam have been somewhat better than in the preceding months, and slightly in excess of those in September, 1925. During the third quarter 270,000 tons of British coal have been imported at Rotterdam, compared with 210,000 tons in the corresponding period of 1925. At the same time coal and coke shipments from Rotterdam have also increased, compared with the two preceding months, for the whole of the quarter there is naturally a decided falling off compared with last year, but a substantial gain compared with the third quarter of 1925, the number of shipments from Rotterdam in the third quarter of 1927, 1926, and 1925 having been, respectively 764, 2,184 and 640.

September ore imports have been 50,000 tons above the August figure, the total for the quarter coming to over three million tons, against one and a half million tons in 1926 and 1.8 million in 1925. Imports of grain in bulk have been maintained at a very satisfactory level, the three months' total being 1,070,000 tons, as against 1,000,000 tons in 1926 and 715,000 in 1925. In addition 1,600,000 bags of grain have arrived in the third quarter of the current year, comparing with 900,000 tons in both 1926 and 1925. Several large cargoes of Australian wheat have arrived.

Mineral oil totalled a quarter million tons in the current quarter, against 180,000 tons in 1926 and 150,000 tons in 1925. 31,000 tons of vegetable oils have been imported in bulk, against 28,000 and 14,000 tons respectively in 1926 and 1925. Timber imports reached 450,000 tons, against 290,000 and 330,000 tons, in addition to 5½ million pieces of timber, against 5.7 and 7.7 million respectively; 65,000 pieces of lumber, against 35,000 and 57,000; 85,000 bales of woodpulp, against 70,000 and 97,000, and 12,500 of wood manufactures.

Imports of raw and manufactured metals have been on a larger scale than in either of the two preceding years, but machinery imports show a decline. Of bagged cargoes imports have not been on a very satisfactory scale; while a few solitary classes as soyas beans, palm kernels, cocoa and nitrate show increases, the bulk of bagged commodities have been arriving in smaller quantities. Imports of produce maintained approximately the same level, a number of lines as cotton, hemp, jute, skins, spices, tea and resins showing satisfactory increases. Fruit imports on the average were smaller than in 1926, and of other general cargo the best thing that can be said is that trade remains practically stationary at a level, which is wholly insufficient to give anything like satisfactory employment to the sites reserved for the trade at Rotterdam.

Dangerous goods manifested yesterday included 8,840 tons of oil fuel for the Standard Oil Company by a.s. "Acasta" from San Pedro, discharging at North Point, and 40 tons chlorate of potash by a.s. "Karachi Maru" from Europe.

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## VERY STALE.

It is quite apparent that the House of Commons is the last place we may look to for fresh information on topics of interest to us here. Even allowing for the fact that Parliament has been in recess and that inquisitive members have been held at bay against their will, there has been enough time for both Ministers and back benches to post themselves with the latest information either on China or on Bias Bay. But what do we find, according to the cable published in our columns yesterday? Merely that stale facts are reiterated and that not a scrap is added to what we here have known for months and months. The reply given by the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to a Labour member respecting Bias Bay was not worth the money that the local newspapers have to expend on the Press cablegram. If the proceedings in Parliament do not contain anything more exciting than that, it may as well not exist so far as we out here are concerned. Beyond a passing reference to the fact that the Home Government is awaiting the report of the Governor of Hong Kong on the "Sunning" Piracy Commission, Mr. Ormsby-Gore might just as well have quoted, for the purposes of his reply, from any of the local newspaper files during the last two or three years from the annual reports of the General Chamber of Commerce. It is no news to be told at this late day in the House of Commons that continual representations have been made by the Government of Hong Kong to the authorities in Canton in regard to the long series of piracies and in regard to co-operation directed

against the pirates who make Bias Bay their headquarters. Still less is it news to be told the nature of the Canton reply with its insinuation that some of the pirates have their headquarters in this Colony, or that the sum total of Canton's efforts has been nil.

Is not the promise of Mr. Eugene Chen still on record—that when the boycott was terminated in September last year anti-piracy measures would be initiated by the Canton Government with, "possibly, the co-operation of the British authorities." Piracy has succeeded piracy and still that promise has not been redeemed. The reason is rightly mentioned by Mr. Ormsby-Gore when he stated in the House of Commons that the Canton authorities appear to exercise little, if any, control over the areas containing the pirates' lairs. That in itself does not absolve them from keeping a solemn undertaking. They do not require to be told or reminded a hundred times that British co-operation is theirs for the asking. They know the British mind. They realise that the British are more anxious than they themselves appear to be that the pirates should be eliminated once and for all. To discuss the question of piracy from any other angle is a sheer waste of time, and all the stale replies to inquisitive M.P.'s will not move the Canton authorities one inch.

## GUNMAN SENTENCED.

IMPRISONMENT AND THE CAT.

"You will have three years' rigorous imprisonment and 20 strokes of the cat."

These were the words of Mr. N. D. Mudie in the District Court, Singapore, on November 8, in sentencing a Chinese named Wong Hong for being in possession of a pistol, and ammunition without a licence.

The accused pleaded guilty to both charges. Chief Court Inspector R. W. Meredith, who prosecuted, said that on the night of November 3, Inspectors Brown and Macgregor and a number of Chinese detectives were patrolling Dell Street. All

Suddenly Inspector Brown noticed the accused coming towards them, and further that the accused had went towards his hip pocket. Knowing the ways of Chinese gunmen, the Inspector sprang at the accused and succeeded in knocking him down. It was not until the other detectives came up that the accused was finally overpowered.

The prompt action of Inspector Brown probably saved the lives of at least one of the patrolling party; for when the accused was searched a fully loaded automatic pistol with eight rounds in the magazine and one in the breech were found on him. Besides this, the accused had 11 spare rounds in his pocket.

## SILVER WEDDING.

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR WILLIAM BLISS.  
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FAR EAST ASSOCIATIONS.

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur William Bliss, of Kowloon Docks, were yesterday the recipients of congratulations from their many friends in the Colony.

Mr. Bliss, who married one of the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hopwar in Hong Kong in 1902, has spent many years in the Far East. He served with the Royal Artillery in Singapore, arriving there in 1896, and was transferred to Hong Kong in 1898. He later returned with the Army to Singapore and proceeded to England in 1905. After five years at home, Mr. Bliss returned to Hong Kong and in 1915 secured an appointment with the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company with whom he has since remained.

There was a gathering of friends of the family on the occasion of the silver wedding celebrations yesterday.

## "OUR CABARET."

"COCKTAILS" AT THE  
STAR THEATRE.

MANY NEW FEATURES.

A well filled house greeted Mr. Charles Mason's Company in the revue "Cocktails" at the Star Theatre last night.

The programme comprised many new features. The "Port in a Storm" written by Mr. Billy Bray proved to be an extraordinarily funny sketch, as also did the "Strong Silent Man."

The main item of the evening's entertainment, however, was The "Disorderly Room." This is also from Mr. Bray's pen.

Mr. Charles Mason, in the part of Sergeant-Major Pull Through, was excellent. Billy Bray's Captain Merryweather is an expertly drawn character of the officer who had not read the "little red book." All the artists sustained their roles perfectly.

Charming and dainty "Jo" Wrenn, commingled as the redoubtable "Private Watts" must be seen to be believed. A very clever piece of acting.

Miss Allen Woods, who is an old favourite in Hong Kong, joined with Mr. Fred Collier in the "Victorian Episode" singing "Down Vauxhall Way" with great charm, and her performance as The "Grandma" in the "Port in a Storm" left nothing to be desired. Miss Woods is certainly versatile.

Mr. Fred Collier's song, "Hallelujah," was both cleverly sung and danced. His other contribution "I Might Have Kissed One Girl" gave the direct lie to the statement that "a singer cannot dance." His efforts always gain the most well merited applause.

Billy Bray and "Jo" Wrenn won unstinted laughter and applause for their delightfully funny "double act."

Altogether another Cabaret success.

## A KOWLOON HOUSE.

TENANCY AGREEMENT IN  
QUESTION.

MRS. ROWE WINS CASE.

Further evidence was called and judgment given in the Summary Court yesterday in the case in which Mrs. M. J. Rowe, of Kowloon, sued Mrs. M. J. Rowe, of Kowloon, for \$360 in respect of three months' rent alleged to be due for No. 42 Nathan Road.

The question involved was as to whether a tenancy was actually created. It was admitted on both sides that Mrs. Rowe had not in fact lived in the premises but the plaintiff claimed that an agreement was made to that effect and that she had been handed over to her, also that she had had certain whitewashing done. This, according to plaintiff, was sufficient evidence of a tenancy arrangement having been made to. For the defence it was denied that the keys had been handed over or that a definite tenancy arrangement had been made to. The landlord had declined to do certain repairs and the tenancy had never been taken up.

At the resumption of the case yesterday afternoon further evidence was given and legal argument adduced by Mr. F. G. Vaux (for plaintiff) and Mr. d'Almeida Remedios (for defendant).

His Honour (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) said that there has been a conflict of evidence. There was no doubt that the parties had negotiations sometime and that they disagreed. The substantial point of the case was that the onus of proof rested on the plaintiff. Having regard to the facts of the case as a whole, he (his Lordship) was not satisfied that the contract was made as the plaintiff had said it was made. He would, therefore, give judgment for the defendant with costs.

## OBITUARY.

FORMER MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH.

DR. W. W. PEARSE.

News has been received in the Colony of the death whilst on retirement of Dr. W. W. Pearse, formerly Medical Officer of Health for Hong Kong.

Dr. Pearse died on Friday last but it is not certain whether he was living in England or France at the time. It was known that Dr. Pearse had announced his intention of settling down in the South of France, where his daughter was at school and it is thought that death might have taken place there.

Dr. Pearse, who was 57 years of age, leaves a widow and daughter and many friends in the Colony and elsewhere to mourn his loss. He came out to Hong Kong as Assistant Medical Officer of Health in 1901, and acted as Medical Officer of Health on several occasions before being appointed to the permanent position in November, 1915. He was later seconded for military service.

Dr. Pearse retired from the Government service in May of last year, and before his departure, was the guest of honour at a dinner at which Mr. N. L. Smith, President of the Sanitary Board, made a presentation on behalf of Past and Present Heads of Government departments. At this dinner, tribute was paid by Mr. Smith, Dr. Koch and others to the work Dr. Pearse had done for the Colony and the development in the sanitary and medical measures that had taken place during his twenty five years service here.

Dr. Pearse was the first President of the Nationalist Press Association of Hong Kong in which he took a keen and active interest and he was also associated with the Book Club of Hong Kong of which he was the second President, succeeding Mr. Tom Wright, the founder.

Dr. Pearse was a man of genial disposition and considerable ability and he had many friends in Hong Kong who will regret to hear the sad news of his death.

## MR. R. C. HURLEY.

OLD RESIDENT LAID TO  
REST.

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, yesterday of Mr. R. C. Hurley, an old resident whose death at the age of 79 years was reported yesterday.

The graveside service was conducted by Father Banchio, assisted by Father Rosello and students of the Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Young were the chief mourners and others present included Sisters of Italian Convent, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Suffad, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mrs. J. G. Marshall, Mrs. T. X. Duc, Mrs. R. Pestonji, Madame A. Kaufholz, Mrs. Best, Dr. Ombrinsky, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Mr. C. Rosset, Mr. J. Landolt, Mr. J. W. Kew, Mr. E. Kew, Mr. T. Bolt, Mr. U. Genella, Mr. E. H. Summers, Mr. E. M. Hazeland, Mr. T. P. Tong, Mr. C. M. Flucteau, Mr. N. Van Tuong, Miss R. Rosset, Miss A. Suffad, Miss C. Bearwolfe, Miss Lina Liao, and others.

Wreaths were sent by the Government Laboratory Staff, the Manager and Staff of the American Express Company, Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Limited, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Suffad, Mr. and Mrs. Trinh Xuan Duc, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Rosset, Mrs. J. Rosset and Rosie, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kew, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. W. Kew, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maxwell, Jr., Mrs. J. Marsh and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Glendinning, Mrs. Mooney and family, Mrs. Edgar and family, Mr. J. Landolt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Manuk, Mr. and Miss Williams, the Misses, L. G., and S. Ellis, Baby Wilbur Marshall, and Messrs. William J. Allen, E. Best, J. Faers, T. P. Tong, C. H. Wong, E. R. Dovey, C. Van-Loe, and N. Van Tuong.

## CHRISTMAS TOYS.

For children in hospitals and schools. The Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association have made a collection of toys annually for several years for distribution amongst the hospitals and schools of the Diocese and are making a similar collection this year. Nineteen schools and institutions are on the list and a large number of toys is needed. The toys and other articles purchased are very simple and inexpensive but give the greatest pleasure to these poor children.

Appeals for funds with which the purchase the gifts have been sent out by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, 167, The Peak, who will be glad to receive donations. Next Sunday being the V. D. A. Sunday, children are asked to take offerings of toys to the children's service in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. These will also be included in the Christmas parcels.

## 'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

To-day's Fairy Story: The four Chinese convicts who escaped from jail have formed a Band of Hope (for perpetual liberty).

Guid Wife: Did I see ye give that taximan a shilling, Donald?

Donald: Hush, woman! 'Twas a bad yin.

Guid Wife: Weel, had ye no a bad saxepee?

Circus Manager: What's-all that row in the dressing-room?

Attendant: Oh, the man who walks barefoot on the swords trod on a tack.

First Flea: Where will you send little Hoppy when he grows up?

Second Flea: Oh, I suppose he will go to the dogs like his father.

Artist: Now, what were dresses like ten years ago?

Dissatisfied Wife: Like mine.

Expert Golfer (to new member): How did you get on?

New Golfer: Bonzer: I did it in 102.

Expert Golfer: Very good; it would take me all my time to beat that.

New Golfer: Yes, and I'm going to try the second hole to-morrow.

Mrs. Flat: I could have had a cook from the country yesterday.

Mrs. Villa: Why didn't you take her?

Mrs. Flat: She was too big for our kitchen.

Small Son (looking up from book): I say, Dad, this book says that animals put on a new fur coat every winter.

Father: Hush! Not so loud; your mother is in the next room.

"Ah," said the "middle-aged boarder regretfully, as they sat down to the Christmas dinner, "if we could only have one of those turkeys we used to raise on the farm when I was a boy!"

"Oh, well," said the pessimistic neighbour at table, "perhaps it is one. You never can tell."

First Neighbour: Aren't you digging and planting your garden this season?

Second Neighbour: No. You can plant yours this season. It's my turn to have chickens.

The clergyman of a poor parish was showing a rich woman around, hoping to touch her heart, and so receive a large cheque for his people.

"We are now passing through the poorest slums," he said, as the car turned into a side street. "These people have little to brighten their lives."

"I must do something for them," sighed the woman, adding to the chauffeur: "James, drive the car slowly, and turn on the big lights."

Mistress: This room's very dirty, Mary.

Mary: Yes, mum. Couldn't you write to the vacuum cleaner people for another demonstration, mum?

School Inspector (to class): Now, boys, can any of you tell me the difference between a collision and an explosion?

Smart Boy of the Class: In a collision there you are; but in an explosion, where are you?

Mr. Green: He is always late.

Mr. Brown: Yes, that's true; he inherited it. His father is called the late Mr. Jones.

Little Boy: Please, sir, have you seen a man without a little boy?

'Cause if you have, I'm that little boy!

Friend: What caused the row with your husband?

Young Wife: I asked him to try one of my scones, and he reached for the nut-cracker.

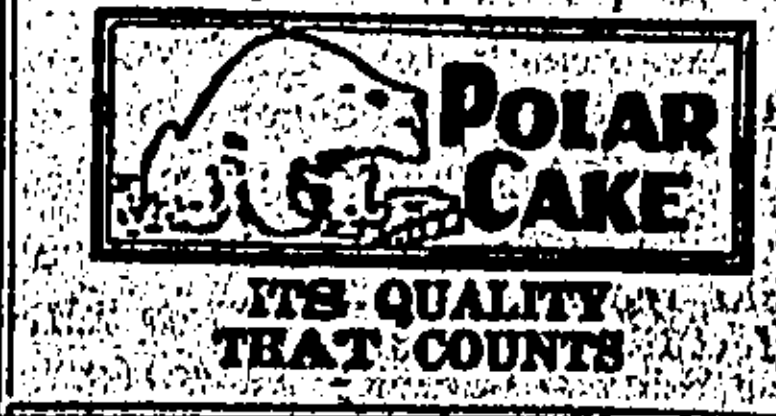
A young minister performing his first marriage service put the question to the bride, "Will you love, honour and obey this man?"

"Do you think I am crazy?" she answered.

"I do," replied the bridegroom nervously, thinking it was his part of the conversation.

Percival: That was "the most unkindest cut of all," as the poet says. Penelope: What was that?

Percival: I showed her one of my boyhood pictures with my father holding me on his knee, and she said: "My! Who is the ventriloquist?"





**FIRE AT KAI TACK.**

MATSHED BURNED TO THE GROUND.

NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

A fire broke out in a matshed belonging to the Royal Air Force at Kai Tack at 3.30 this afternoon. The matshed was completely destroyed.

There were no casualties and no damage to any of the aircraft or to any other part of the camp.

**BRITISH AIR FLIGHT.**

"PRINCESS XENIA" TAKES OFF FOR INDIA.

NON-STOP RECORD ATTEMPT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Captain McIntosh and Mr. Bert Hinkler left Upavon Aerodrome Wiltshire this afternoon on a non-stop flight to India. An attempt is being made by the two airmen to wrest from America the world record for a non-stop flight. They are flying in the Fokker monoplane "Princess Xenia" in which Captain McIntosh began a flight to America but was compelled to turn back by bad weather off the west coast of Ireland. Weather conditions were good when to-day's flight started. The sun was shining, there was a fresh westerly wind and the "Princess Xenia" took off perfectly.—British Wireless Service.

Awaiting News.

London, Yesterday.

Fifteen hours after the start of the McIntosh flight no reports had been received. The machine does not carry wireless.

The greatest public interest is evinced in the effort to wrest the long distance record of 3,900 miles, held by the American trans-Atlantic airmen Chamberlain and Levine, especially after the bad luck attending Flight Lieutenant Carr's three attempts.

McIntosh and his friends contributed every penny of the capital for the flight except the last £500 which came from two Midland businessmen.—Reuter.

**GREYHOUND RACING**

£7 10/- FOR A SHILLING SHARE.

London, Yesterday.

"It looks roughly as if we will get £7 10/- per each one shilling share with debentures paid off and ten one shilling shares for every shilling share held to-day," said General Critchley in explaining to the shareholders of the Greyhound Racing Association the offer to purchase the assets and goodwill of the company for £800,000 cash and 800,000 one shilling shares of the new Company to be formed.

The offer was accepted.—Reuter.

**JAPANESE NEWS.**

PRICE OF FOREIGN RICE DECLINING.

Tokyo, Nov. 6.

The price of foreign rice is reported to be declining daily as a result of a big crop in Chosen this year.

Peasant Proprietary Bill.

Owing to discord of opinions among the Cabinet members, the drafted Bill of the Home Office for the establishment of a peasant proprietary system will very likely be amended.

In the Cabinet meeting, the drafted Bill for the establishment of a peasant proprietary system was shelved after lively discussion, but the investigation committee will be established to keep Mr. Yamamoto, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, in countenance.

The transference of land-tax to the local administrations will not be put in force until 1930.

Emigration Policy.

It is announced that the Government has decided not to give positive aid to Japanese emigrants abroad but will do its best to improve the quality of those residents.

Athletic Association.

Baron Sakatani has consented to be the President of the Meiji Shrine Athletic Association. Mr. Junnosuke Inoue, former Finance Minister, has been made Honorary President of the Association.

Railway Construction.

An informal understanding has been reached between China and the South Manchuria Railway Company regarding the joint construction of a railway in Manchuria. This line is one of the six big railways planned, in regard to which negotiations have been going on, following the contract for the sale of rolling-stock by the Company to China to be used on the Shantung Railway.

A formal agreement is shortly to be concluded.

New Governor.

Tokyo, Nov. 7.

Mr. Josui Yokoyama has been appointed Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture in succession to Mr. Suematsu who resigned his post taking responsibility on himself for the recent disturbance in the Prefecture Assembly.

**BRITISH FILMS.**

CONCESSIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

"BLIND BOOKING."

Rugby, Yesterday.

During the House of Commons discussion of the Films Bill, which provides for the exhibition of a quota of British films and checks so-called "blind booking," the President of the Board of Trade (Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister) announced that the measure, if its consideration by the House were expedited, would operate for ten years only instead of twelve as originally intended.

Certain other concessions to the choice of renters were made including a reduction of penalties for illegal advance booking and the postponement of full restrictions upon booking for two years.—British Wireless Service.

**£16,000 RANSOM.**

FOR LIVES OF FRENCH HUNTING PARTY.

Paris, Nov. 3.

The captors of M. Steeg's party are demanding a ransom of £16,000.

Earlier messages stated:—Four

members of a hunting party, MM. Yves Steeg and Jean Maillet, who are nephews of the Resident-General, and Mesdames Prokoffov and Steinhil, have been kidnapped by Moorish tribesmen. The first indication of the affair was the discovery of the party's abandoned motor car in a forest at Douara, 125 miles south-east of Casa Blanca.

In the car two dead dogs, scattered hair-pins, a broken pearl necklace, a cartridge case, and other signs of a violent struggle were found. It is hoped that the tribesmen are aware of the identity of the kidnapped persons and will not kill them, but hold them to ransom.

The troops have been called out. Rabat, October 24.—An envoy has ascertained the whereabouts of the four kidnapped persons, who are being well-treated. They asked for clothes, which were sent.

Negotiations.

Casa Blanca, Oct. 27.

The Pasha of the Benimelal people has returned to the base, after having established a system of communication with the French captives by means of native runners. He has also arranged to prevent too many persons participating in the negotiations.

The tribe of Aikalmoud allowed the passage of the prisoners through their territory on condition that they were entrusted with the negotiations. Casa Blanca, November 1.—The Resident-General M. Steeg states that the four French captives are now in the hands of a native chief, who is friendly to the French.

The latter bought them from the tribesmen who carried them off. The captives say that they were well-treated, but were very tired because of the long marches which they have had to make. Apparently an exceedingly heavy ransom will be demanded.

**WAR DEBTS.**

REPARATION RECEIPTS BY BRITAIN.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Financial Secretary to the Treasury states, in a written answer to a Parliamentary question, that the total amount of the German reparation receipts by Britain including the Belgian War debt up to November 1, was £44,000,000.

The war debt payment to Britain by Italy, France and other States amounted in the aggregate to £15,500,000, whilst the total payment to the United States by Britain, in respect of war debt, amounted to £194,000,000.—British Wireless Service.

**SOVIET STRIKE.**

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS ARRANGED.

Moscow, Yesterday.

Six others have been expelled from the Central Controlling Committee by resolution and owing to particularly bitter behaviour on the part of the Opposition with the recent anniversary celebrations and because "instead of attending the General Tribunal at Lenin's tomb, they organised hostile demonstrations and otherwise transgressed the limits of Soviet legality."—Reuter.

**EASES RHEUMATIC PAINS.**

A stiff neck is soon eased and rheumatic pains in arms and shoulders disappear when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is rubbed on the aching spot. It feels good at the skin penetrates quickly to the very seat of pain, scattering the congestion, relieving the pressure and the pain is gone. Sold and recommended everywhere.

**"WANTED."**

CHINESE CONVICTS NOT YET CAPTURED.

CLUES FOLLOWED UP.

The Police are still working un-

remittingly in their effort to trace the four Chinese convicts who made a sensational escape from the "new" prison building, Victoria Jail, on Thursday afternoon last.

Several clues have been followed up, and some houses known to be the haunts of criminals have been raided, but so far none of the "run-aways" have been discovered.

In view of the prompt measures taken to guard all means of exit from the Colony, both by rail and sea, it is confidently believed that the convicts did not succeed in getting out of the local jurisdiction.

The searchers are convinced that they are in hiding in the Colony, the combing out of which, would, of course, necessarily take some time. But no stone is being left unturned in the hunt for the wanted men, and every clue, however slight, is being investigated to the utmost.

**\$5,000 ROBBERY.**

THIRD MAN STILL AT LARGE.

IS HE IN CANTON?

The two Chinese who were arrested

by the police in connection with the \$5,000 robbery at the Fung Hing Company, No. 120 Queen's Road Central on Monday night will be formally charged at the Central Magistracy to-morrow morning.

The men had previously been to the shop on the morning of the robbery in the guise of customers, and, after selecting a quantity of cloth worth over \$100, promised to call for the goods in the evening.

This explains the fact that their arrival a little before closing time was not considered suspicious by the shop people.

As already reported yesterday, the two arrested men were taken into custody less than an hour after the robbery, on the Po Tark Wharf, as they were about to board the s.s. "Charles Harcourt" bound for Canton.

No trace has so far been found of the third man who had apparently succeeded in evading the searchers and made his escape to Canton.

**HABITUAL THIEF.**

NOTHING BUT STEAL IN FOUR YEARS.

LONG LIST OF CONVICTIONS.

"You did nothing but steal during the last four years." This was the remark passed by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning when he sentenced a Chinese to six weeks' hard labour for the unlawful possession of 18 empty cement bags bearing the marks of the Green Island Cement Company.

According to Sub-Inspector James, of No. 2 Police Station, after his arrest in Wanchai yesterday, the accused claimed that the bags were given to him by a foreman employed by the Sang Lee firm of contractors. He was sent with a Chinese detective to interview the foreman, but the latter denied all knowledge of the bags, adding that the bags could not have belonged to his firm as all their bags bore Sang Lee's "chop."

The Magistrate's remark was made when, following his Worship's inquiry as to whether anything was known about the accused, Inspector James produced a record containing a long list of previous convictions.

**OPIUM TRAFFIC.**

CHINESE BAIL OF \$400 FORFEITED.

A respectable looking Chinese was yesterday arrested by the police as he came off the Star Ferry wharf at 2 p.m. As the result of information received, this man was searched, and six tins of illicit prepared opium was found on his person. He was taken to the Central Police Station where he was allowed out on bail of \$400.

When the case was called before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, the accused failed to appear, and the Magistrate ordered his bail money to be forfeited.

The opium was confiscated.

**SMOKERS REBUKED.**

TOAST OF "THE KING" FIRST.

A severe rebuke to those who make a custom of smoking before the King's health had been honoured at public dinners was administered at the Connaught Rooms at the annual dinner of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders on the eve of the Motor Show, when the guest of honour was the Home Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks.

Before the Royal toast had been proposed quite a number of people had started smoking. There was a sudden rap on the table, and Mr. Knight Smith, the toastmaster, announced in a loud voice: "Gentlemen, will you kindly refrain from smoking until after the Royal toast?"

The offenders immediately stopped smoking. The Royal toast was honoured a few minutes later.

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November 20-21—World Theatre; "Lovers in Quarantine," 5.15 and 9.20 p.m.

November 20-21—Star Theatre; "A Social Celebrity," 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.

November 20-23—World Theatre; Chinese Drama (Mother's Heart) at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

November 22-23—World Theatre; "The Night Club," 5.15 and 9.30 p.m.

November 22-23—Star Theatre; "New Brooms."

November 22-26—Queen's Theatre; "What Price Glory?"

November 24-26—World Theatre; "The Man On The Box."

November 24-26—Star Theatre; "Wages For Wives."

November 24—"Romanticist Music" at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

November 25—Dance in Engineers Institute.

November 30—St. Andrew's Society's Annual Ball at City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

December 9—At Theatre Royal opening performance of "Merrie England," 9 p.m.

December 10—Dance at the Peak Club with Lyric Band in attendance, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

To-day—Ping Pong: H.K.U. v. St. Peter's Club at C.C.Y.M.S.

To-day—Hockey: H.K.H.C. v. 5/2 Punjabis at U.S.R.C. ground, 6 p.m.

November 17—Steel & Coulson's Billiard League: R.E. & R. Sigs. v. R.A.; Northants v. Queen's; K.O.S.B. v. D.R.C.; Revenue v. Police; Garrison Sgt. Mess v. Warders.

November 19-21—Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Hong Kong; H.K. Cricket Club ground, 10.30 a.m.

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November 23-24—Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Malaya.

November 25—Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. United Services.

November 26-28—Interport Cricket: Malaya v. Hong Kong.

November 26—Eighth Extra Race Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

December 3—Autumn meeting of the Fanling Hunt.

Meetings.

To-day—Annual Meeting of H.K. branch of Boy Scouts Association in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

November 17—Annual general meeting of the Craigengower Cricket Club, 5.30 p.m.

November 21—Extraordinary meeting of Prince's Bldg. and Land Co., Ltd., at Registered Office of the Company in Prince's Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

November 29—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Reel Club eighth practice, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

November 17—Vice-President and Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home" to members and their friends at Helena May Institute.

November 22—Practice Dance for St. Andrew's Ball at the City Hall, from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

November 23—Laying of foundation stone of the new Wanchai Wesleyan building.

November 27—Annual church parade to Union Church.

**IDLE CURIOSITY.**

CHINESE CROWDS WATCH A "BOUT."

AN EVERY-DAY INCIDENT.

It is the easiest thing on earth to rouse the curiosity of the ordinary Chinese in the street, and the least thing out of the ordinary is sufficient excuse for him to stand about open-mouthed, eager to "take in" every bit of free entertainment that is offered.

A Chinese crowd can gather as quickly and thickly as ants round a piece of cake, and with their attention centred on what is going on, they are oblivious to all other senses.

This is what happened in Queen's Road Central at a little after noon to-day. The road from the foot of Wyndham Street to the pavement of the China Building was one solid mass of Chinese, all looking in the direction of that piece of verandah outside the China Jade Company.

The block was so complete that no cars and rickshaws were held up for some minutes, until the traffic police took the matter in hand and dispersed the crowd.

Speculation was soon rife amongst those on the fringe of the crowd, some knowingly telling others that an attempt had been made to rob the jade shop, and with each new arrival, these rumours became more persistent and fuller in their details.

Eventually when the crowd was sufficiently cleared for one to approach the store, it was found that the "attraction" was a fight between two youths outside the jade shop. They were quickly removed by the police who marched them away, but even then the curiosity of the crowd was not satisfied, and a large number followed behind, laughing and poking fun at the hapless couple.

**CINEMA NOTES.**

PICTURES AT WORLD AND STAR THEATRES.

The current movie programmes at the World Theatre and the Star Theatre are being screened for the last times this evening. The picture at the World Theatre is Rudolph Valentino's great romance, "Mon-

sieur Beaucaire," which is screened with orchestra at 5.15 and 9.20 and with an interpreter at 2.30 and 7.15.

The picture at the Star Theatre is an amusing comedy "Merton of the Movies" in which a stage struck youth became a film star.

The programme at the Star Theatre is continuous from 5.30 to 8.30 only, the new Our Cabaret at 9.15 presenting the revue "Cock-tails."

**SOMERSET MAUGHAM FILM HERE.**

Another notable picture is to be seen at the Queen's Theatre to-day. "The Magician" is a remarkable story by Somerset Maugham which has been produced by Rex Ingram, the man who made the "Four Horsemen," "Mata Nostrum" and "Scaramouche."

The picture is a credit to Rex Ingram, and it will be remembered here as one of the outstanding productions of the year. Having been filmed entirely in Europe, it presents many settings of great scenic and historical interest.

The central figure in the story is a half mad magician who thinks he has discovered the secret of life and casts a spell over a beautiful young girl whose life he believes he must take as part of his experiments.

The struggle between the magician and the girl's lover for the mastery of her soul makes a thrilling narrative and the climax is equally sensational. Some of the incidents, notably the dance of the faun, are very striking.

The leading players are the popular American star, Alice Terry, and the famous German actor, Paul Wegener. The supporting cast includes British, French and Serbian actors of note. Altogether "The Magician" is a picture of exceptional force and colour.

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HONG KONG WATERWORKS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after FRIDAY, the 18th instant, the SUPPLY OF WATER to that portion of the RIDER MAIN DISTRICTS West of Eastern Street will be controlled by bringing the RIDER MAINS into operation, and that water will be turned on to each RIDER MAIN daily for two consecutive hours. Information as to the hours of supply to any particular property may be obtained on application at the Office of the Water Authority, or at the Tung Wah Hospital.

H. T. JACKMAN, Water Authority.

Public Works Department, Hong Kong, 16th November, 1927.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Amoy on account of cholera have been withdrawn.

The Straits Steamship Co.'s vessel "Kudat" has returned to Singapore after undergoing repairs and alterations at Hong Kong.

There is to be an increase of 3d. in the £1 on Edinburgh rates. The total rates amount to approximately 8s. 10d. per £1. The figure for last year was just over 8s. 7d. per £1, the rise being wholly due to unemployment.

Are bee stings a cure for rheumatism? Long a maxim with beekeepers who tested it by experience, the fact is now being regulated by the number of bees used. The bees eject formic acid which counteracts the effects of uric acid, the natural fluid having a "punch" which the synthetic article does not possess.

The Chinese authorities have lodged a protest with the Japanese Consul-General against a sentence of seven days' imprisonment on a Japanese who was found guilty of forging Chinese revenue stamps. They demand that he should be dealt with in accordance with the laws of China, which provide for a long term of imprisonment.

London costumiers report that orders for tartan kilts have enormously increased this year. This accords with reports from the Highlands that tartans have been in greater vogue with the fair sex this season than ever before. There can be no doubt that we are living in a colourful and brighter age. Only the weather is dismal and gloomy!

Welcoming the Regional and Town-Planning Conference in Glasgow, Lord Provost David Mason said the Town-Planning Committee of the Corporation were preparing a plan to work in keeping with the present streets of the city, and their idea was that no street should be of less width than 100 feet. Even 120 feet was not too wide for a main highway.

At a meeting of Edinburgh Town Council, Mr. Bilton, on behalf of the Plans and Works Committee, asked the Council to accept the offer by Mr. David Alexander Tod, Blair Atholl, of the picture, "News of Flodden," by William Hole, R.S.A., for the City Chambers. The gift was prompted by the Flodden episode at the Craigmillar pageant. The Council decided to send Mr. Tod a special vote of thanks.

There was a clean bill of health yesterday as far as notifiable diseases are concerned.

The total membership of St. Patrick's Society, Singapore, at the end of the year, Sept. 30, was 123.

It is announced that the Japanese Government has decided not to give positive aid to Japanese emigrants abroad but will do its best to improve the quality of those resident abroad.

While a street musician was entertaining a small crowd in Public Square Street yesterday, a pickpocket relieved him for a gold watch and chain worth \$82 from his breast pocket.

A student of the Diocesan Boys' School was yesterday removed to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries received through a fall in attempting to alight from a motor bus whilst it was in motion at the junction of Prince Edward and Nathan Roads.

The chairman of the Hong Kong Tea House Employers' Guild, No. 80 Connaught Road West, has alleged in a report to the Police that the former chairman of the guild and two co-accused absconded on November 12, taking with them \$1,650 from the funds of the guild.

Local estate of the value of \$23,200 was left by Lau Tau-chiu, managing partner of Ying Fong photographers, late of 11 Seymour Road, Hong Kong, probate of whose will has been granted. In the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, Sum Nim-chi, merchant, of 102 Queen's Road, Central.

Three cases of typhoid, one Swedish and two Chinese, all imported, and two Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever were reported in the Colony during last week. There were two deaths from typhoid and both cases of cerebro-spinal fever were fatal. One Chinese case of typhoid and one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever were reported during the 24 hours ended November 14.

There was no business of public interest at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board at which Mr. W. J. Currie took up his new post as President (in the absence on leave of Mr. N. L. Smith). Members present were Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Acting Director of Public Works), Mr. R. A. C. North (S.C.A.), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

Further evidence was taken yesterday at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court in the harbour piracy case. The case was again adjourned.

The first of two practice dances for St. Andrew's Ball was held last evening at the City Hall; the second one will take place next Tuesday evening.

Wong Ah-chye, a former pupil of the Anglo-Chinese School, Malacca, arrived in Singapore recently on his way to Java and subsequently Australia and America. He has undertaken along the big task of riding a push bicycle around the world with the object of advertising his school and a particular bicycle.

Rule 111 under the F.M.S. Railways Enactment is rescinded, and a new rule substituted, providing that commercial travellers and resident agents of foreign firms shall be allowed, free of charge, while travelling on the railways, three times the amount of personal luggage or samples allowed to ordinary passengers, and to deposit these in cloak-rooms at half the ordinary fees.

Once the world's largest gem and now third for size the famous Jubilee diamond is for sale. It rests in a London bank on behalf of a group of Indians headed by Sir Dorab Tata, the Parsee millionaire. The price asked for the stone is \$250,000. The stone, which was found at the Jagersfontein Mine in South Africa in 1895, weighed 640 carats in the rough and 239 when cut.

Francis Higgins, alias John Brown, alias John Lynch, was sent to prison at Cypar Sheriff Court for three months for having, in the kitchen of a lodging-house in Buckhaven, assaulted Mrs. Lynch, the occupier, by striking her with his fist and kicking her. The accused also threw a kitten at the woman. He admitted fifteen previous convictions, one in the High Court for attempted murder, for which he was sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

A European, N. C. Begg, and his wife, J. Begg, residents, were the complainants in an assault case before the acting Second Police Magistrate, Mr. G. C. G. Muller, Singapore, W. R. Pereira and Mohamed, the former in European clothes, were the accused. They applied for a postponement to enable them to engage counsel. Begg's counsel informed the court that the charge of voluntarily causing hurt may be altered. A remand was ordered, bail being allowed in \$100.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Pte. Frederick Ruckwaldy, Singapore Volunteer, has been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.

The Hon. Mr. Sze Jin-chai, has been nominated an Unofficial member of the Straits Legislative Council subject to the confirmation of H.M. the King.

The marriage arranged between Dr. D. Wilson Gillies, Glasgow, and Miss Maile Macdonald, Southdown, Collinton Road, Edinburgh, will not take place.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch, who recently returned from a holiday at Home, took his seat again on the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon. During Dr. Koch's absence the vacancy was filled by Mr. J. P. Braga.

Immediately following his arrival in Shanghai, Dr. Tsai Yuan-pai, Director-General of Education in the Nationalist Government, called a conference of heads of colleges and schools to discuss the Nationalist educational policy.

Mr. C. L. R. Becher, who was lately working at St. Paul's Boys' College, was ordained to Deacon's Orders on September 25 in Southwark Cathedral. He left Hong Kong for Home in November 1926, and has accepted work in Bermuda in the Southwark Diocese.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cordle, of the Methodist Mission, who recently arrived from America via Suez, are at present stationed at Seremban. Mr. Cordle, who has joined the staff of the Anglo-Chinese School, was formerly in the Philippines.

The Marine Insurance Association of Hong Kong are presenting a telescope and a cheque to Chief Officer Beatty in recognition of his bravery on the occasion of the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning". The presentation, which will be made by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, will take place at 4 p.m. to-day at the General Chamber of Commerce.

The Bishop and Mrs. Ferguson-Davie (formerly of Singapore) have been in Simla where Dorothea, is now at school. Mrs. Ferguson-Davie succumbed to the cold of Simla, and was down with a chill. The Bishop seemed as full of energy as ever; he was walking five miles each way to football matches on successive days. He was helping with services at Simla, and polishing up his Hindustani for purposes of fulfilling preaching engagements in that language.

Mrs. W. G. C. Blunn left for Home by the Blue Funnel liner "Aeneas" which left Penang on November 10.

Dame Margaret Lloyd George and the Marchioness of Aberdeen performed the opening ceremonies at a two-days' Liberal bazaar at Perth on October 21-22.



Ogden L. Mills, Under Secretary of the Treasury and former Representative from the State of New York. He is one of Secretary Mellon's most important political advisers. Mr. Mills is a strong factor in New York politics.

The Rev. Tso See-kai has arrived in Hong Kong after an absence of four years in England where he studied at Durham University obtaining his B. A. Degree and the First Part of the Diploma of Education. Previously he had been in St. Paul's College for five years as a student and after passing the Oxford Senior Local Examination, for two years as a member of the staff. During that time he was both baptised and confirmed. He then went on to the Union Theological College, Canton, where he studied for four years and was ordained deacon in St. John's Cathedral on December 21, 1919. He returned to Hong Kong and assisted in the work in both St. Paul's Church and St. Paul's College until the summer of 1922 when he went to England. He is at present again assisting at St. Paul's College.

Capt. H. A. A. Howell, assistant staff officer to the Straits Forces, inspected the St. Joseph's Institution Cadet Corps on Nov. 1.

Lieut. Koh Keng-bock of the Chinese Co., Singapore Volunteer, is to be acting Captain whilst in command of the Chinese Co. Malacca Volunteer Corps.

Mr. Wang Pah-chun, Minister of Communications in the Nationalist Government, was host at a dinner at the Nanyang Restaurant, Shanghai, on Nov. 5 evening when there was present a very large gathering of local merchants, officials and gentry.

The Treasury Commissioners have appointed the Hon. Evan Charteris, K.C., Mr. Samuel Court-tauld, Sir William Burrell, Mr. Glyn Philpot, B.A., Mr. Walter Westley Russell, B.A., Mr. Henry Pook, A.R.A., and Professor William Rothenstein to be additional Trustees to the National Gallery of British Art in place of Trustees whose term has expired.

The engagement is announced of Captain Charles Gordon Borrowman, 4th Prince of Wales's Own Gurkha Rifles, younger son of the late Philip Grierson Borrowman, M.D., and of Mrs. Borrowman, of 12 Granville Terrace, Edinburgh, and Ella Strickland, elder daughter of the late Christopher John Mulvany, M.I.C.E., of Penelagh House, Roscommon, Ireland, and the late Mrs. Mulvany.

Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh recently entertained the tenantry and tenants on the Kennet estate, and in the course of the proceedings the Master of Burleigh, the young son and heir, was presented with an ornate clock and Savings Certificates. Mr. W. Watson, farmer, Broadcarse, the oldest tenant on the estate, made the presentation, and Lord Balfour acknowledged the gifts.

The death took place on November 1, in Colombo, of Mr. John Marks, formerly a well-known Malayan planter. Mr. Marks, who was a younger brother of Mr. Oliver Marks, a former British Resident of Selangor, and now secretary of the Association of British Malaya, came to Malaya in 1920, and was for several years general manager of the Digwarrah Rubber Co. Ltd., Shanghai, when he associated himself very prominently with planting politics in Perak. He returned to Ceylon two years ago. He leaves a son (Mr. T. S. Marks), a well-known athlete, and a daughter (Mrs. J. Van Gezel, of Ipoh).

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## SPORTS

## RACING.

## ENTRIES FOR NEXT EXTRA MEETING.

The following are the entries for the Hong Kong Jockey Club 8th Extra Race Meeting on Saturday, the 26th inst.:

Races Nos. 1, 2 and 3—Glasgow Handicap—"A," "B" and "C" Class: 6 Furlongs.

Mr. F. Usher, Warrington, Loongwa and Easter Day; Messrs. Usher and Reidy, Macao Beauty; Mr. L. Reidy, Mowgli; Mr. Loo Cheuk Suen, Shanghai Friend and Tap Sine; Mr. Chin Lee, Hon Sin, Chui Chow Ning and Yuen Sin; Mr. E. L. Sim, Sugar Leaf; Mr. Ho Kom Tong, City Hall, Town Hall, Castle Hill, Kom Tong Hall and Limestone Hall; Mrs. R. M. Austin, Grey Knight, Fire Call and District Call; Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Bing Boy; Mr. C. W. P. Richardson, Silver Fox (late Sagamore); Mr. Luen Yick, Warlordship; Mr. Yam Man, Dick-Lo and May; Mr. Dunbar, San Francisco Bay; Messrs. Hall and Shenton, The Goblin, The Gomeril and The Gomeril; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Total Abstinence, Loch Tummel, Loch Rannoch and Tangle; Mrs. Dyer, Yorks; Messrs. Stanton and Reidy, San Diego and Taree (late Jan Dor); Mr. Eve, Misty Eve, Bright Eve and Festive Eve; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Dobbin, Scooter, Skidoo, Ukelele, The Regent and August; Mr. G. W. Sewell, Circe; Mr. Liang Hau Yuen, Little Sit Tang; Mr. Tang, Sutherland; Messrs. Hogg and Seth, Wild Hawk; Mr. Seth, Perversity; Mr. Priestley, Grande del Norte; Mr. Albert, Arabian Parrot; Mr. Huon Bernard, Burley Grass; Mr. Huon Chung, Chew Tze Lon; Mr. Roda, Green Island; Mr. C. B. Brown, Tuning Fork.

Race No. 4—St. Andrew's Stakes: 1½ Miles.

Mr. F. Usher, Warrington, Loongwa; Mr. Loo Cheuk Suen, Flash Star; Mr. Ho Kom Tong, City Hall, Town Hall and Castle Hill; Mrs. R. M. Austin, Pottenbush; Mr. R. M. Austin, Brigade Call; Messrs. Hall and Shenton, The Gomeril; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Total Abstinence, Loch Tummel and Tangle; Messrs. Stanton and Reidy, San Diego; Mr. Eve, Misty Eve, Bright Eve; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Dobbin and Ukelele; Mr. R. J. Paterson, August.

Races Nos. 5 and 6—Lanark Handicap—"A" and "B" Classes: One Mile.

Mr. F. Usher, Warrington, Loongwa; Messrs. Usher and Reidy, Macao Beauty; Mr. L. Reidy, Mowgli; Mr. Chin Lee, Hon Sin and Chui Chow Ning; Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Kom Tong Hall, Limestone Hall and Castle Hill; Mrs. R. M. Austin, Pottenbush; Mr. R. M. Austin, Fire Call; Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Bing Boy; Mr. Luen Yick, Warlordship; Mr. Yam Man, May; Mr. L. Dunbar, San Francisco Bay; Messrs. Hall and Shenton, The Goblin, The Gomeril, The Gezer and The Gomeril; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Total Abstinence, Loch Tummel, Tangle and Loch Rannoch; Messrs. Stanton and Reidy, San Diego and Taree (late Jan Dor); Mr. Eve, Misty Eve, Bright Eve and Festive Eve; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Dobbin, Scooter, Skidoo, Ukelele, The Regent and Humding; Mr. R. J. Paterson, September and August; Mr. G. W. Sewell, Circe; Mr. Liang Hau Yuen, Little Sit Tang; Mrs. Priestley, Grande del Norte.

Race No. 7—Hong Kong Autumn Champions: 1½ Miles.

Mr. F. Usher, Warrington; Mr. Ho Kom Tong, City Hall and Town Hall; Mr. R. M. Austin, Brigade Call; Mr. L. Dunbar, San Francisco Bay; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Total Abstinence, Loch Tummel, Tangle and Loch Rannoch; Messrs. Stanton and Reidy, San Diego and Taree (late Jan Dor); Mr. Eve, Misty Eve, Bright Eve and Festive Eve; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Dobbin and Ukelele; Mr. R. J. Paterson, August.

Race No. 8—Gallowgate Plate: One Mile.

Mr. F. Usher, Easter Day; Mr. E. L. Sim, Sugar Leaf; Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Limestone Hall and Castle Hill; Mr. R. M. Austin, Grey Knight; Mr. Luen Yick, Warlordship; Mr. Yam Man, May; Mrs. Dyer, Yorks; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Humding; Mr. Tang, Sutherland; Messrs. Hogg and Seth, Wild Hawk; Mr. Seth, Perversity; Mr. Albert, Arabian Parrot; Mr. C. B. Brown, Tuning Fork.

## MACAO RACE CLUB.

## 5th Extra Race Meeting.

This Meeting has been fixed for Sunday, December 11. It is expected that a number of Hong Kong ponies will be entered as there is no meeting between this date and the annual Hong Kong Race Meeting in February.

The programme is as follows:

1.—The Penha Plate: 5 Furlongs.

Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50. For all China ponies that have started at Macao and have not been placed since September 1, 1927.

## FOOTBALL.

## EUROPEAN AND CHINESE STAFF OF TAIKOO.

The Taikoo Recreation Club, as announced yesterday, will meet the Taikoo Chinese Club in a friendly match on the Club ground at Happy Valley this afternoon; kick off at 4.45 p.m. The former will be represented by:—G. Gerrard, A. McWhirter, D. Sherman, W. Bell, J. Stewart, D. McLean, R. Bell, W. Johnstone, G. Stewart, A. McLeod, W. Gardner, and the Chinese by:—Luk King-cheung, Lee Ping-pui, Chan Wing-yin, Lau Hon-wing, Pank Wah-hing, Ho Cho-yin, Lee Shui-kan, Chu Kwong-yueng, Tin Lap-fat, Lee Hung-ching, Chan Hing-kul.

The majority of the players participate in the various divisions of the Football League, and a good game is promised in this first friendly contest between the foreign and Chinese staffs of Taikoo.

## DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL v. ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

This match was played on the D.B.S. ground, Kowloon, yesterday, and resulted in a win for the Diocesan by four goals to nil. St. Stephen's appeared to be suffering from lack of practice and showed little team work; their attack could not penetrate the defence of the School whose forwards also combined well.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

## "WARATAHS" PREPARED FOR CAMBRIDGE.

Cambridge, Nov. 2. After their surprise defeat last week at Oxford, the "Waratahs" played only four of their defeated fifteen against Cambridge, whose hitherto magnificent record had led the critics to half-expect a victory.

The "Waratahs," however, proved a different proposition this time, and led at the interval by 13 points to 3. Their tries were secured by Ford (2), Towers, and Blackwood, and Lawton converted three of them. The Cambridge try was gained by Windsor Lewis.

After the resumption, the "Waratahs" clever passing was negated by frequent off-sides. Cambridge became most desperate towards the end, and Hamilton Smythe scored two magnificent tries, Lewis converting the first one.

Final result:—"Waratahs" .... 18 pts. Cambridge .... 11 pts. "Times of Ceylon."

Lancashire Cup. London, Nov. 2.

The following are results in the Lancashire Cup semi-finals:—Wigan 12, Warrington 5. Swinton 10, Salford 3.

Yorkshire Cup. The following is the result of a Yorkshire Cup match:—York 0, Hull 10.

Other Matches. The following are the results of matches under Rugby Union rules:—

Devonport Services 13, Aldershot Services 3. Portsmouth Services 7, R.N.C. (Greenwich) 5. "Times of Ceylon."

County Championship. London, Nov. 2.

In the County Championship Middlesex defeated Eastern Counties, at Richmond, by 24 points to 5.

North Midlands lost to Leicestershire, 10 points to 15.

Gloucester Beat Oxford. London, Nov. 3.

Under Rugby Union rules, Oxford University lost to Gloucester by 11 points to 22.

In a County Championship match, Warwickshire defeated a combined Norths, Lincolnshire, and Derbyshire fifteen, by 38 points to 5, at Coventry.

Northern Union Cup. London, Nov. 3.

In the Yorkshire Cup semi-final, Hull Kingston were beaten by Dewsbury, by two points to nil.

## BRIDGE.

## ENGLAND REJECTS MAJORITY CALLING.

London, Nov. 3. After a trial lasting for some time the Bridge Clubs have decided to reject the new plan of majority calling, owing to the insufficient demand shown for it.—"Singapore Free Press."

## BILLIARDS.

## EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. v. S.C.A.A.

To-night the Y.M.C.A. billiards team crosses the harbour to play a match at China Building, with the S.C.A.A. players as their opponents.



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## M. C. C.

## FIRST MATCH IN AFRICA DRAWN.

Capetown, Yesterday. The opening match of the M.C.C. tour was ruined by rain, there being less than five hours play altogether.

Scores:—M.C.C. .... 138 Western Province (6 wks.) 87 The match was drawn.—Reuter.

## R.A.S.C. v. "D" CO. QUEEN'S.

The R.A.S.C. beat the "D" Co. Queen's Royal Regiment on the Chinese Recreation Club ground.

The Queen's batted first and were dismissed for 126 runs, of which Lieut. Kealy, b. Badcock, 32.

The R.A.S.C. had little difficulty in passing their opponents' total and eventually closed their innings at 182 runs for 6 wickets.

Scores:—"D" Co. Queen's. Corpl. Stewart, b. Newberry 7

Pte. Wood, b. Newberry 18 Lieut. Fairclough, b. Dynes 20

Lieut. Kealy, b. Badcock 32 Lieut. Haggard, c. and b. Dynes 17

Capt. Morris, run out 7 Morris 7

Pte. Watkins, run out 2 Pte. Pulett, b. Badcock 2

Pte. Haggard, not out 0 Pte. Druce, b. Morris 12

Extras 12 Total 126 Bowling Analysis. O. M. R. W.

Badcock 10 2 27 3 Newberry 9 0 43 2

Dynes 8 0 23 2 Morris 8 3 0 21 2

R.A.S.C. Lieut. Dynes, run out 0 Capt. Morris, c. Stewart, b. Haggard 87

S-Sergt. Wood, b. Haggard 21 Capt. Draydale, c. Pulett, b. Miles 10

Col. Badcock, run out 30 Q.M.S. Moss, not out 43

Q.M.S. Glenn, run out 62 Lieut. Corpl. Tibbs, not out 22

Extras 12 Total (for 6 wks.) 182

## K.O.S.B. v. SCOTS GUARDS.

The King's Own Scottish Borders drew with the Scots Guards on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground.

Lieut. Hankey (K.O.S.B.) was top scorer with 45, not out. The Scots Guards, who batted first were dismissed for 155 runs, to which the Scottish Borders replied with 107 runs for the loss of 4 wickets.

Scores:—Scots Guards. Rev. Murray, c. McLaren, b. Dobbie 0

Lieut. Usher, b. Dobbie 2 Capt. Graham, c. Everest, b. Hankey 39

Gds. Hargreaves, b. Thorpe 1 Gds. Erskine, c. Stock, b. Hankey 30

Capt. Tynningham, c. Sawyer, b. Thorpe 22 Capt. Mayfield, c. Thorpe, b. Everest 10

Lieut. Coghlin, c. McLaren, b. Dobbie 24 Gds. Chapman, b. Hankey 15

Gds. Steven, c. Sawyer, b. Dobbie 0 Corpl. Freeman, not out 3

Extras 9 Total 155 Bowling Analysis. O. M. R. W.

Dobbie 15.3 1 26 4 Thorpe 12 0 40 2

Hankey 14 0 46 3 Everest 10 0 23 1

Hill 3 0 6 0 K.O.S.B. Capt. Thorpe, b. Stevens 6

Lieut. Hankey, not out 45 Lieut. Welch, b. Stevens 0

Major Lake, b. Stevens 7 Lieut. McLaren, b. Erskine 7

Pte. Everest, not out 30 Extras 12 Total (for 4 wks.) 107

Bowling Analysis. O. M. R. W. Capt. Dobbie, Pte. Sawyer, Pte. Hill, Pte. Merriman, and Pte. Stock did not bat.

Interport Cricket. The "Singapore Free Press" of Nov. 9 reports:—

One of two alterations in the composition of the side which is going up from Malaya to Hong Kong on Saturday have had to be made since it was announced a week ago that the party had been completed. F. N. Knight, the Penang all-rounder, is unable to make the trip, and Lieut. Harker

Taylor, the leading batsman of the Regiment, and R. W. Bloloch, a new arrival up-country have been brought in, so that twelve players

—N. J. A. Foster (captain), R. L. I. Braddell, Captain C. H. Congdon, Lieut. H. C. Harker-Taylor, N. H. F. Whitley, R. B. Lewis, Dr. J. M. A. Lowson, Captain P. B. Ford, H. G. L. Richards, A. B. Jordan, H. R. Rix and R. W. Bloloch—will go up.

It is fairly safe to say that, however strong the side may be from a batting point of view—and it is one that ought to make runs—it is about the weakest in attack that has ever been sent up from Malaya to take part in interport matches against Hong Kong and Shanghai.

While the inclusion of Harker-Taylor gives added strength to the batting Knight's withdrawal renders the bowling even weaker than it was before. There is no need to stress the unrepresentative character of the side, but it is of interest to point out that of the four cricketers who played in the two matches between Malaya and the Australians in June only Foster, Braddell, Congdon and Taylor are going to Hong Kong.

Sutcliffe's Narrow "Victory." London, Nov. 3.

It is revealed that the appointment of Herbert Sutcliffe as Yorkshire's Captain was only carried by 13 votes to 11, after a warm discussion.

Lord Hawke strongly opposed the idea of Sutcliffe becoming an amateur for the purpose. On this point the Committee were almost unanimous.

Hobbs' suggestion that the captain might have been offered to Rhodes was widely discussed in Yorkshire, but it is obvious from statements made to-day that Rhodes was not desirous of the post.

"The Biggest Honour." Cape Town, Nov. 3.

Interviewed by wireless in regard to the Yorkshire captaincy, Sutcliffe, who is on board the Union Castle steamer, "Kenilworth Castle," on his way to South Africa with the M.C.C. tourists, said:—

"It is the biggest honour of my career. I will earnestly endeavour to emulate the greatest of all Captains, Lord Hawke."

Passing of the Amateur. Sydney, Nov. 3.

Referring to Sutcliffe's appointment, Mr. M. A. Noble, the famous Australian cricketer, writing in the "Sun," says:—

"The present strenuous times give amateurs little chance of devoting their whole time to cricket, and the only thing to do is to pick professionals, who are most fitted to take the captaincy."

"At the same time England must regret the passing of the amateur, who has given such wonderful players in the past."

The drastic alteration is watched with interest not only in England, but wherever cricket is played. It is a forward movement and Yorkshire can be congratulated on being the first to take the vital step.—"Times of Ceylon."

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Geneva ..... 25.27

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Berlin ..... 20.43  
Stockholm ..... 18.10

Copenhagen ..... 18.18  
Oslo ..... 18.41  
Vienna ..... 34.55½  
Prague ..... 164¼

Helsingfors ..... 198¼  
Madrid ..... 28.60½  
Lisbon ..... 2 27/32  
Athens ..... 869½

Bucharest ..... 785  
Rio ..... 5 29/32  
Buenos Aires ..... 47 81/32  
Shanghai ..... 2/0¼

Hong Kong ..... 1/10 15/32  
Yokohama ..... 26 11/16  
Silver Forward ..... 26¼

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Mercantile Bank ..... 314 n

Bank of China ..... 318 n  
Bank of India ..... 310 n  
Bank of Japan ..... 302 n

Bank of Korea ..... 340 b  
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do. (Single) ..... 72 n

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H.K. & W. Docks ..... 435 n  
China Provident ..... 44 n  
Hongkong & Shanghai ..... 448½ n

New Engineering ..... 45 n  
Shanghai Docks ..... 495 b  
Cotton Mills. Ewo Cottons ..... 74½ b

Oriental Cottons ..... 42 n  
Shal Cottons (Old) ..... 358 n  
do. (new) ..... 723 b

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Hongkong Lands ..... 55¼ n

Shanghai Lands ..... 1,120 b  
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Hongkong Realities ..... 79 n

H.K. Territorials ..... 1¼ n  
Prince's Buildings ..... 1,120 b  
Public Utilities. H.K. Tramways ..... 320 b & a

Peak Tram (old) ..... 1¼ n  
do. (new) ..... 87 n  
Star Ferry ..... 354 n

China Lights (comb.) ..... 112 n  
do. (old) ..... 49¼ n  
do. (new) ..... 54 n

H.K. Electric ..... 54½ n  
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## FASHIONS AND FANCIES

SETTING THE TABLE TO EXPRESS VARIETY.  
The Old Order Has Changed and Now All Sorts of Table  
Linen Is Seen.



The day has passed when there was a definite type of table linen selected for the formal and informal settings of the table. The coloured and decorated linens were formerly reserved for breakfast, the summer cottage and very informal luncheon. The heavy white damask reserved for dinners and luncheons with embroidered pieces and laces used for very formal luncheons and dinners. Now the old order has changed and everything is used for variety. The dinner is often served on a delicately tinted damask with china and glass that harmonize. Colour dominates the scene in table decorations.

There are seen the most exquisite damask in delicate tints. Pale green—delightfully cool and refreshing for summer months—but also smart for other seasons, is matched in napkins. With it perhaps is combined a centrepiece of delicate green glassware holding roses of a shell pink. Pink candles in green glass candlesticks form an effective setting around the flower bowl. Tall compotiers of pale green Venetian glass of great beauty also help to make effective this colour combination.

Pale blue damask and peach coloured flowers are also delightfully combined in a colour harmony. A very low bowl of blue with glassware that matches makes a charming picture. Pale pink, old blue, or cornflowers are also effective combinations. Yellow with orchids for a floral centrepiece in amber glassware make an exquisite combination.

The white damask used with field flowers and rose glassware is also colourful and unusual. The entire colour scheme being followed throughout the serving of the meal with goblets, centrepieces, service plates and salad plates used of the deep rose or garnet glassware. Glassware is beginning to take a most important place in the artistic table. Enchanting effects may be

observed in graceful bowls for flowers, salad and dessert plates, sandwich plates, goblets, sherbets, fruit cocktail, food ten glasses and compotes. All may be seen in designs and patterns for every use from the most informal meals to the most formal table settings. And, too, there are colours for

### CHOOSING A DINNER SERVICE.

Traditional Designs in Modern Colourings.

One of the newest services seen the other day was an instance of the preference for traditional designs in modern colourings. The charmingly graceful old shape of a bowl on feet was used for soup tureen and sauce-boats; the design of a basket of flowers was taken from old Chelsea, but it was painted in the gay primary colours that are so much used to-day.

Plates with plain centres are liked best, and most popular of all is white, with a coloured band the width of the rim. Mazarine blue is still the favourite colour for such bands, though old "powder" blue is also very popular. In costly china services this band is often decorated with gold. One design in best Minton shows a gold "shot," which is a line of gold dots, on a mazarine ground, and another beautiful decoration consists of a wide band of mazarine blue, with an inner border of acidified gold giving the effect of chasing.

Malachite Green and Gold. A lovely and quite new service that would give a wonderful effect on a polished table has a band of malachite green, broken at intervals with an oval medallion in gold colour that has the appearance of gilt. White and gold is also very popular, because it goes with anything in the way of flowers. One of the most charming and simple designs shows a narrow gold band on white, with a tiny black Greek key pattern.

Earthenware, politely called semi-porcelain, is sold much more than china in these days, as the latter is too expensive for most people. As much as £270 may be given for a modern Derby service in blue and gold, with lovely hand-painted panels of flowers. That perennial favourite, the Indian tree pattern, copied all over the Poteries, will cost about £40 a set of sixty-seven pieces for twelve people while the same thing may be had in earthenware for a quarter the price.

Lack of Cupboards. Services are much smaller than they used to be partly, no doubt, due to the lack of store cupboards in the modern flat. The old services of the celebrated makers almost always used to be made double, with about two hundred pieces, including two soup tureens and four vege-

every scheme and whim of decoration.

China, of course, has always given a note of great appeal in the setting of the table. In the peasant styles it is suited to breakfast, luncheon and cottage effects; while in Dresden china, coin gold and all the lovely patterns of France and Britain it lends a formal note when chosen for the formal setting.

Silver, of course, is an essential in creating a formal effect. It lends a sparkle to the table that is always appreciated. In the more informal table settings, however, china and glassware take the place of silver in candlesticks, compotes, centrepieces and odd service plates.

Gossamer glass in ornamental flower forms make a brilliant table decoration and are much seen in all the lovely shades of the natural flowers.

Bowls of fruit in colourful china with a peasant aspect are seen on tables that lean towards variety. Runners of gay tones, luncheon sets of colourful appeal and other odd effects are used with this sort of table decoration.

A new and very interesting table linen is seen that lends much colour to the dining table. It comes in many unusual effects and may have a natural background and a brilliantly coloured flower design with a border in plain linen in harmonizing tones or have coloured posies on a blue, green, yellow, rose or even black ground. This sort of cloth naturally calls for china and glassware in simple colours and design, and the very plainest sort of centrepieces.

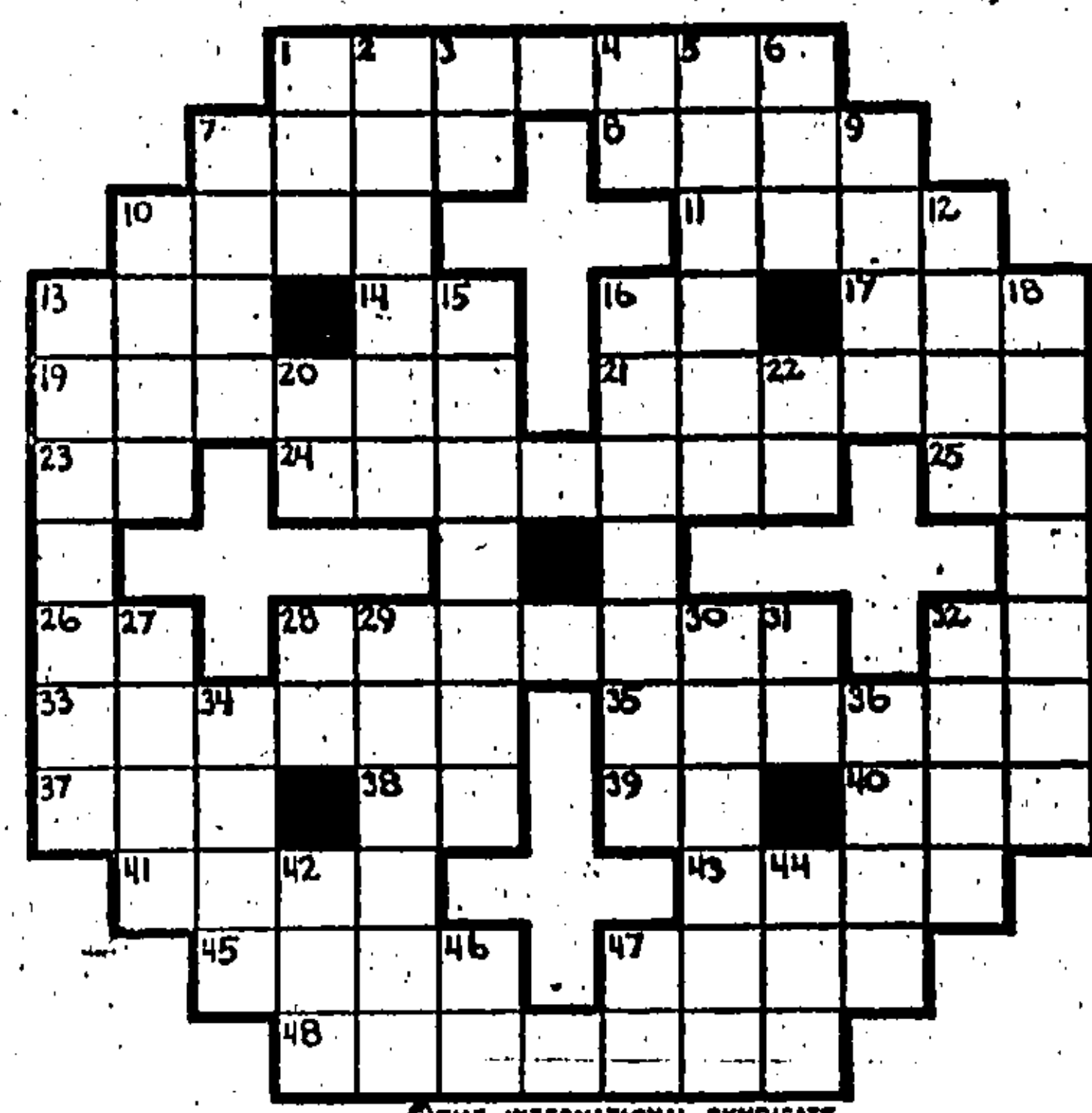
In Hollywood, where variety is always to be desired, Colleen Moore has one of the best assorted linen closets to achieve all sorts of artistic and colourful effects on her table. Glassware, china and silver also are used to give a harmonious effect. Miss Moore is seen at present in the First National film, "Naughty But Nice."

At one time every dinner service included a set of salad plates. Now only about one set of these plates is sold in a hundred services, small plates (being used instead. Salad bowls to match the service, as in the old service, are rarely seen. It seems a pity, as they really look better than those of cut glass.

Large-sized meat dishes are dispensed with. China soup cups to match the service are purchased in place of a cumbersome soup tureen, or little individual casseroles in red or brown fireproof ware are used. This also does away with the necessity for soup plates.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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### HORIZONTAL

- 1-Contracta
- 7-Flaw
- 8-A cereal grass (pl.)
- 10-Part of a ship
- 11-The lowest tide
- 13-S. State (abbr.)
- 14-Accomplish
- 16-Steamship (abbr.)
- 17-Permit
- 18-Gamkeeper
- 21-T3 mumble
- 23-Team (abbr.)
- 24-Court
- 25-Musical note
- 26-Of no account (abbr.)
- 28-Capital of Venezuela
- 32-Article
- 33-Small stones
- 35-Earliest period of Cenozoic era

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 37-One (German)
- 38-Railway (abbr.)
- 39-Railroad (abbr.)
- 40-Conjunction
- 41-A state in Brazil
- 43-Any weed, as velvet
- 45-Small rug
- 47-Raised platform
- 48-One who imparts knowledge
- VERTICAL
- 1-Watering place
- 2-Flocked together
- 3-Road (abbr.)
- 4-Negative answer
- 5-N. Con. State (abbr.)
- 6-Sainte (abbr.)
- 7-Extend over
- 9-Corpuscle of chlorine and sodium
- 10-Bang to
- 12-To remove by stripping off

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13-Adjust
- 15-Methodical
- 16-Famous English philosopher
- 18-Pointed, as a gun
- 20-S. State (abbr.)
- 22-Till sale (abbr.)
- 27-A firm grasp
- 28-Common Version of the Bible (abbr.)
- 29-Make ethereal
- 30-Main artery of body (pl.)
- 31-S. State (abbr.)
- 32-An English queen
- 34-Kingdom of S. E. Asia
- 36-Part of head (pl.)
- 42-Farm pest
- 44-Atmosphere
- 46-A continent (abbr.)
- 47-Dead head (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

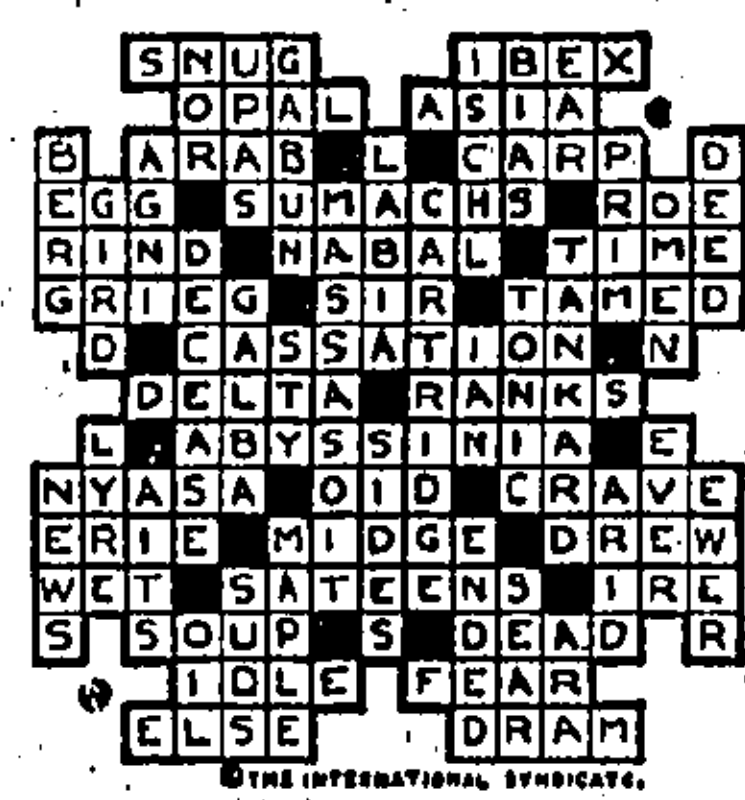
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### BOOM FOR FILIPINO STRAW HATS.

New York City, Oct. 20.  
Fashion experts returning from Paris to-day brought the feed-box dope on straw.

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YES-I'M LETTIN' IT HANG OUT THE WINDOW TO KEEP THE SMOKE OUT!

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## KIDNAPPING RIFE.

## BANDITRY MANIA IN CHEKIANG.

## "HUNTERS OF THE WEALTHY."

The Correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" writes:—

In concluding a short visit to Taichow after a lapse of some ten years, one feels that this warm, less than a hundred miles south of Ningpo, hearted people are very little affected by the whirl of outside events. During my stay, it was difficult to trace any real progressive change in the general activities of the city or its institutions during recent years. The sea trip, from Shanghai, through the Chusan Archipelago, is most charming, and the trim little steamer "Chusan" makes the journey in about 26 hours, landing its passengers at Haimen—"the Sea-gate"—which is the port for this old time prefecture. En route, a call is made at Dinghai and Zhipu, and a casual glance at these business centres makes it very plain that business has fallen on evil days.

The Days of Robert Fortune. The capital of Chusan, and the surrounding country, was a favourite haunt of Robert Fortune, that fine English gentleman, traveller and naturalist, who made several visits to China 80 years ago. It was during these visits he discovered flowers and plants hitherto unknown to the Western world and specimens were transplanted to the Botanical Gardens, London. Not far from the jetty, round by the headland, which is crowned by a picturesque old temple, may be seen a walled enclosure with iron gates. An inscription records the fact that this was the burial ground during the British occupation after the storming of the town of Chusan. It is very interesting to read some of the inscriptions on the tomb stones which take the memory back well nigh a century ago, when China, even then, delighted to be anti-foreign.

The Battle of Chusan. In the course of this sacred spot, a monument is raised to the memory of 12 sergeants, 13 corporals, 4 drummers and 400 privates who lost their lives in the period of July 1841 and February 1842. Inscriptions are to be found relating to H.M.S. "Volcano" and "Arab", also to the 95th and 55th and other regiments of the line. A Standard Bearer is mentioned on one stone, who was "Killed while carrying the regimental colours in the attack on the heights of Chusan, October 1, 1841."

In those early days, as now, there were men in the ranks, true and noble, who did not count their lives dear unto themselves. Near the gateway, a chiselled slab bears the following verse:—

It matters not what distant clime  
Receives the body's mouldering  
clay,  
For it shall rise when death and time  
No more shall triumph o'er decay.

The Renaissance of Taichow. On entering the mouth of the Taichow River, the military police overhaul incoming craft with careful scrutiny. A very real fear is still abroad that emissaries of Sun Chuan-fang continue to scheme political and military plots. After a long delay, anchor is weighed and a short run brings us to the landing stage at Haimen. What was once a muddy flat, a little over 20 years ago is now a thriving mart, humming with commerce and shipping. Streets have been laid out and paved with stone, and fine shops and wealthy stores have "popped up with mushroom growth. Large sections of the foreshore are being reclaimed, from time to time, and as this work is extended, Haimen bids to become a maritime centre of first importance. Three Chinese gunboats were anchored in mid stream, and as we neared our berth, two steamers swung off, one to Shanghai and the other to Wenzhou. I understand there are daily sailings to Shanghai and Ningpo, and the towns of Taichow and Hwangyen are reached in a few hours by numerous river craft which ply at regular intervals.

Greetings to the Stranger. It is a pleasure to walk the streets of a rural town, which offers such a contrast to the hum and bustle of a treaty port. On the surface, everything apparently is tranquil. The peasantry are not greatly worried by the ebb and flow of the National movement, and even the propagandist has made but a feeble display, judging from the paltry hand-written posters on the walls which invite our attention. The advent of a foreigner is hailed with delight. His presence is reckoned as a token of peace and stability in the affairs of the nation, and "Glad to see you back again" is the warm word of welcome heard at every turn.

Army Deserter Bandits. This whole district has suffered remarkably little from the vicissitudes of the invading and retreating armies. One menace, however, is now looming with startling proportions in sections of the various counties. Armed banditry, on a large scale, is menacing life and commerce. These robbers are deserters from the army, followed by roving spirits of like passion, and whole regions are raided. These organised bands are said to be equipped with the latest weapons of war and their standard announcements that they are following the "Great General" who has made himself supreme in seven provinces. Most daring escapades are being enacted every day and members of rich families are being carried away for ransom. Most intricate directions are given as to the payment of the large sums demanded. The cash must be deposited in Shanghai with agents who are in league with the nefarious business.

"Hunter of the Wealthy." Needless to say, the rich folk are scared of these "Hunters of the Wealthy" and seek refuge in the cities. Government troops in pursuit of these robbers suffered severely at their hands in a recent engagement.

More soldiers have been sent into the district and a few days ago one of the robber chiefs was captured. He was handed over by the local militia, to the military authorities at Haimen. In order to prevent escape his eyes were put out and, it is said, his arms have also been maimed. A telegraph order from Hangchow has sealed the fate of this young robber chief, who is only twenty-eight years of age. He was to be publicly executed at Haimen, and his head to be forwarded to Hangchow.

Organised Piracy. One of the strongest bands, causing great anxiety, at the present time, is operating in the Taiping County. Their rendezvous is very strongly fortified and they have successfully beaten off several attacks of the Government troops. This band of men claim to be connected with the Chinese navy and their banner proclaims their mission to be "Rob the rich and help the poor." This group are pirates as well as robbers. Their objective is to waylay and raid the small coasting steamers from Wenzhou, Haimen and Ningpo. An unsuccessful attempt was made on a steamer which happened to be carrying soldiers. Out of four large junk loads of these brigands, it is reported that only four escaped with their lives.

Confiscation of Churches. In listening to the conversation of the people, there can be no doubt but what they have been rudely shaken by the communistic storm which broke over the province last spring, the rumblings of which are not yet extinct. The Christian Churches had reason to be alarmed when official steps were taken to "confiscate" their property. Even though the danger of the threat has temporarily been lifted it is deemed unwise to tear down the communistic posters, lest a charge of "anti-revolutionary" be preferred. The name—"The Christian Church"—over the doorway of one chapel was covered over with a poster bearing the title—"Let all the world be united," and the door lintels were scrawled with particulars that a certain "Party bureau" had opened its headquarters in this place. Even though proclamations are now exhibited, claiming protection of all foreign and church property, the officials of the "Party" still demand the right to "borrow" chapels and schools, in which to hold their demonstrations.

Honest Men Advertised For. Judging from the banners stretched across the streets, it would seem there are still some thinking people about who are not fully satisfied with the present (and of national events. For instance, one such streamer proclaims—"The present great need of the Revolutionary Party is for men who have the true spirit." In a busy section of the city, another announcement reads, "Business men want to do business, therefore oppose with all your might the Communist Party." Over the doorway of the newly established Central Office of the Party the following message is set forth to the public gaze—"Let us continue the struggle by peaceful methods."

"The Bowstring Will Break." Russia, her people and officials, are becoming a topic and debate in the least expected quarters. In the remote corners of the wild mountain ranges the Bolshevik propaganda is being discussed. That the Chinese farmer class should be compared with the old time Russian serf, is scornfully repudiated, and therefore "Bolshevism" can never take root in the minds of the men and women of the soil, at least in the provinces of Chekiang, where the land tenure is on terms so favourable to the labourer, remarked a well-informed official. Increasing taxation, however, is causing many murmurs to be heard throughout the countryside and "The bow string drawn violently will break; the people pressed hard will rebel," is an old Chinese saying, very apt, when speaking of present-day administration. Two glaring signboards speak eloquently of two new organisations which are digging themselves in for future operations. In almost every important centre, whether village or town, the Labourers Union and the Revolutionary Party, have established their business premises. In some places, these offices are situated within the Yamen precincts and give the appearance of belonging, and being part of the National government.

## WHEN DREADED CROUP COMES.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH.

## DR. WU LIEN-TEH'S ADDRESS TO STUDENTS.

## THE CONSERVATIVE CHINESE.

Dr. Wu Lien-teh, the well-known Straits-born Chinese doctor, who has achieved distinction in connection with his plague prevention work in Manchuria, is at present passing through Singapore on his way to India, where he will represent China at the Far Eastern Congress to Tropical Medicine. At the College Medicine on Nov. 7 he addressed a number of the students and a few interested friends on the subject of the progress of public health in the world.

In introducing Dr. Wu, His Excellency the Governor (Sir High Clifford) spoke of him as a Chinese gentleman of great distinction, and declared that undoubtedly, through his skill and through the organisation he had brought into being and was now directing he had saved the lives of a very large number of people. His Excellency expressed the conviction that the Straits Settlements have every reason to be proud of Dr. Wu as a son of our soil, and suggested to the students that in Dr. Wu they had an example they would do well to emulate.

Dr. Wu, in the course of his subject naturally made a number of references to China. The Chinese people, he stated at the outset, are very conservative, in the way of public health and medical matters they were a little too conservative; their outlook in regard to medical matters underwent very little change during the ten years that he was studying medicine in Europe after leaving the Straits Settlements. Paying a tribute to the excellent work that has been, and is being, done by the Rockefeller Foundation in the cause of public health, Dr. Wu stated that China was one of the few places in the world in which the Rockefeller Foundation had not interested itself, partly, it was said, because China had not promised to pay the other half of the money required for health measures. He said he did not know how far that was true, but he hoped that before long the Foundation would see their way to help China.

Referring to health matters in China Dr. Wu drew applause by his statement that the most active medical officers serving in China now are those who had been trained in this part of the world. It said much for the training their young men received in British institutions that the finest executives in China were to be found among those men.

## Prevention The Final Aim.

What, the lecturer asked, was this new public health that high authorities were beginning to understand and commercial bodies to appreciate, and even their conservative officials in China beginning to understand? It was something in many respects entirely new. Students nowadays were taught that the aim of medicine is not entirely to treat disease but also whenever possible to prevent it. The final aim was to banish altogether preventable diseases, such as small-pox, scarlet fever, hook-worm and tuberculosis. Knowing the causes of those diseases and knowing how their germs might be suppressed it was a shame to allow them to exist. To show that this was not a very ambitious programme Dr. Wu exemplified the case of the suppression of yellow fever in South America and Cuba, and of small-pox and leprosy in Europe.

Small-pox in the East, he stated, was still very prevalent, in Hong Kong it was still in an epidemic form; it was one of the most common diseases in Peking, and he stated that one of his slogans in Peking in order to call attention to its dangers was that one out of every four women one met in Peking had the pock mark. That was a little exaggerated, but it was surprising what a large number of very fine hand-some women showed the pock mark. They were, he said, beginning to concentrate upon small-pox as the beginning of public health work in North China.

Dr. Hoops, the lecturer stated, had told him that the people in this part of the world were beginning to understand much more about public health matters; he felt sure that they would when they understood that public health pays. To quote the American slogan: Public health pays dividends. Not only in the way of lives but in money. In Europe there was a realisation that it was necessary to call in the services of public health to protect the living, the birth rate in nearly every country in Europe having diminished since the war. Particularly the lives of the babies. In some parts of India the death rate among children of less than a year old was as high as 500 per thousand, in England it was 70 per thousand.

Dr. Wu referred to the attention given in the young country of Yugoslavia to matters of public health, explaining that out of a revenue of \$40 millions one tenth was devoted to social welfare, of which the

larger part consisted of public health. The result was that this one time antiquated, backward region of Europe, the conditions in which, from a public health point of view, were once as primitive as in any parts of the East, had been transformed into one of the most interesting public health centres in the world.

## Problems In The East.

In the East, Dr. Wu said, they had other problems than were met with in the West, because the people were not yet educated to the standard that was required, and work had to be begun at a lower level. They had to understand their own people and that was the problem which most who wished to undertake public health work would have to solve. The problem in India he thought, would be much the same. In the Straits, with all its advantages, he regretted to say that Chinese women were still a little too credulous about certain things. He found that they were still tied down to a lot of the old customs. He did not say that old customs were bad, but very often things were done just because they had been done in past times. In support of this Dr. Wu referred to a visit he had paid to the large house of a wealthy family here, where he found that the four or five front doors were locked up and covered with the yellow slips of paper covered with hieroglyphics which were supposed to protect the house against diseases. That was a well educated family. If children were brought up in those circumstances they could not help being impressed with the importance of those things. As they grew up and continued to see those things around them it was very hard for them, even though they might be educated at Raffles School or the Anglo-Chinese School, to forget these early impressions, and when they had a chance to control a household there were always people older than themselves to advise them to follow these methods. That was one of the difficulties which our practitioners had to surmount.

Companion With Hong Kong. Dr. Wu said he was sure that the Medical School in Singapore, although the students did not receive a degree, is as good, if not better than the one in Hong Kong. In fact he had been told that a great many of the students managed to pass their examinations more easily in Scotland than here. He told the students that there was a tendency to limit one's sphere of usefulness to the question of commerce; some might feel after passing their final examination, that they had done all that was needed; but medicine could not survive with that kind of spirit. The masters of medicine had established their reputations by leaving something behind in the way of research, or books, or great efforts; not simply as millionaires.

Dr. Hoops and Mr. J. Bagnall also addressed the students, and His Excellency in thanking Dr. Wu for his lecture, said every one of the students had got a similar opportunity as Dr. Wu, just as every private soldier, as they used to say, carried a field marshal's baton in his knapsack; but it required a great deal of courage and energy and brains far beyond the average for that field marshal's baton to leave the knapsack and come into the hand—"Free Press."

## CEYLON'S NAME.

## MR. TAMBIMUTTU'S INGENUOUS CLAIM FOR TODDY.

"I have been making some researches as to whether this drinking of toddy is so great an evil as it is made out to be by temperance advocates," said Mr. E. R. Tambimuttu, in opposing in the Legislative Council the motion by Mr. S. Rajaratnam proposing the immediate application of the permit system in Jaffna as recommended by the Excise Commission. Mr. Tambimuttu went on to speak of a book on the ancient history of Jaffna, which showed, he said, that "Ilam," the Tamil word both for toddy and for gold, had given rise to the name of Ceylon. (Laughter.) Jaffna was renowned for its to-dy, and so the word "Ilam" was applied to that district and finally to the whole Island. Ilam then became Ceylam or Zeelam, which later developed into Sinhala. The Portuguese made it Cellan and then when the British came they called the Island, Ceylon. (Laughter.)

"So after all, sir," declared Mr. Tambimuttu, "this toddy is at the bottom of it all. (Loud laughter.) This question refers to history, thousands of years B.C. 'Tas-the-tins come now, when, after all these centuries, this honourable association of names is to be ended? (Laughter.) Are we now going to say that we will not have anything to do with toddy, that we will put a stop to it? Perhaps it will not be long before we ask ourselves whether the name of Ceylon has a too sinister derivation and we should remove that appellation in favour of something else. (Laughter.)" Times of Ceylon.

## AFTER DARK.

## SMUGGLING—ANCIENT AND MODERN.

## ARMED ENCOUNTERS.

Are we going back to the bright old days of the "preventive men" and the "running of cargoes" from the Continent? Continents? It is a prospect to excite our romantic novelists, who have no doubt observed that the tale of Sheppes is said to have been the scene of recent smuggling exploits. The island has a long history of association with the "Free-Traders." Indeed, the whole of the Kentish and Sussex coast, by reason of its proximity to the Continent, was favoured ground for those who wished to deposit goods in England without troubling about such a little matter as the payment of Customs dues. Sir Walter Scott did wonders with the Solway smugglers in "Guy Mannering" and "Redgauntlet." Why has so little been done with the richer material of the South?

From Smuggling to Banditry. It was in Kent somewhere about the year 1740 that the notorious Hawkhurst gang arose and carried on a career of crime until 1750, in which year justice took toll of the leaders after a trial at the Old Bailey. In all probability the gang would have enjoyed a longer life had it not estranged itself from the country folks by adding robbery and murder to the milder diversions of smuggling silk, tea, and "Hollands."

However, leniently honest citizens, including magistrates and parsons, might regard the trade of the smuggler, it was scarcely to be expected that the same tolerance would be extended to men who stole horses, pillaged farms, and slew their neighbours.

Some Quaint Epitaphs. Armed encounters between the lawbreakers and the Revenue men are not features of modern smuggling, but evidence that such affairs were common in earlier days is to be found in the epitaphs recorded on old tombstones up and down the country. One such in the churchyard of Mylor, near Falmouth, runs:—

In memory of Thomas James aged 35 years who on the evening of December 7, 1814 on his return to Fushing from St. Mawes in a boat was shot by a Customs Officer and expired a few days after.

Official zeal in luckless hour laid wait.  
And will sent the murderous ball of fate;  
James to his home which late in health he left  
Wounded returned—of life is soon bereft.

Another Cornish smuggler whose fate is recorded in stone was Robert Mark, who was a member of the crew of a famous smuggling vessel—the Lottery, of Polperro. The

friends and relatives of Robert seem to have interpreted him as a pious and forgiving soul, for his tombstone in Polperro churchyard, just outside Polperro, reads:—

In prime of Life most suddenly  
Sad tidings to relate:  
Here view My utter destiny  
And pity My sad state:  
I by a shot which Rapid flew  
Was instantly struck dead:  
Lord pardon the Offender who  
My precious blood did shed.  
Grant Him to rest, and forgive  
Me.  
All I have done amiss;  
And that I may rewarded be  
With Everlasting Bliss.

Not all the casualties, however, were on the side of the law-breakers, for in Hunstanton churchyard there stands, or stood, a stone which perpetuates the memory of a trooper named Webb, who was shot by smugglers in 1784. The poetic record of his demise reads:—

I am not dead but sleepeth here,  
And when the Trumpet sound I will appear.  
Four balls thro' me Perceiv'd  
There way  
Hard it was I'd no time to pray.  
This stone that here you Do see  
My comrades erected for the sake of me.

The "Owlers." Although nowadays smuggling is taken to connote the running of contraband goods into the country, it is fairly well established that the earliest conflicts between "Free-Traders" and Revenue men arose from the activities of the "Owlers," who were engaged in smuggling wool out of the country in an endeavour to evade the export-tax on this commodity. In 1298 the export duty on wool was as high as £3 a bag, and later, in the reign of Edward III., the export of wool was entirely forbidden; while later still, about the year 1660, the smuggling of wool was made an offence punishable by death.

These stringent regulations were enacted in the hope of cutting off the supply of raw materials to the Flemish weavers and so forcing the latter to settle in this country and teach the inhabitants the craft of cloth manufacture. The same extent the effort was successful, but the restriction also had the effect of turning the attention of many wool-growers in this country to the practice or support of the export smuggling of raw wool.

## Smuggling To-day.

To what extent the present recrudescence of smuggling is attributable to the reduction of the consular force is highly debatable. History indicates fairly clearly that a "boom" in smuggling is to be expected when tariffs are raised to high levels and when duties are levied on much easily-concealed goods as silks, laces, watches, and saccharin.

In spite of the advent of the aeroplane and the fast motor-boat, however, it is highly improbable that smuggling will ever reach the

proportions it attained in the eighteenth century, the extent of which may be gauged from the fact that in 1792 no less than 54,000 pounds of tea and 123,000 gallons of brandy were seized as contraband. The Revenue forces of to-day are highly organised and impeccable, whereas in earlier times an alliance between smugglers and the forces of the law was not unknown. Moreover, although the ordinary citizen may still regard smuggling as a venial offence, he is scarcely likely to afford that actual assistance in the disposal of the goods which was such a valuable asset to those engaged in "Free-Trading" in older times.—John O'London's Weekly.

## MALARIA FEVER.

## MANILA BOARD DECIDES ON METHODS FOR 1928.

After holding three meetings to decide one question, the Malaria Control Board on November 4 agreed, after a lengthy discussion, that for 1928 two methods of control should be continued, namely, five special units devoting their time entirely to malaria control, second, that certain areas be controlled by the regular health personnel of the bureau of health. This plan is exactly opposite to that proposed by health bureau officials.

In deciding the question, it was agreed that the special control units should be simplified by reducing the number of persons now employed in these units. It also was agreed that when malaria control work is undertaken on haciendas or on private estate, the owners of such properties shall supply the control labour, and, as far as possible, the materials. The health bureau is to furnish the technical personnel.

Malaria control work for 1928 is expected to be carried on in a much more extensive manner than it has been in the past. New fields are expected to be entered and a more vigorous campaign carried on. A budget for carrying out the programme agreed upon was suggested.

Those present at the meeting included under-secretary Albert Dr. Pajardo, Dr. Manalang, Dr. Padua, Mr. Mielandis, Major Parsons, and Major A. Parker Hitchens.



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## FLOODS IN MALAYA.

ALARM CREATED IN  
PAHANG.

## A SEA OF MUDD.

With only a slight rainfall the flood waters in Ipoh have subsided appreciably but the Hale Street and is still submerged and the water in the town drains has not yet been able to run off. The water on the concrete back lanes in the area bounded by Belfield Street and Leech Street has disappeared, leaving large quantities of filth and garbage for the Sanitary Board to deal with. From an early hour on November 4 the coolies employed by the Board were engaged in clearing the filth from this area, the stuff being removed in lorries. Meantime Pahang is also experiencing very wet weather. Mentakab has already been flooded and the water was steadily rising on November 8. Hire cars in the place are doing no business as they cannot go either to Temerloh or Bentong because the water on several sections of the road is about waistdeep or more. The conditions in Mentakab are such that the residents fear a repetition of 1926 events. Some of the people who have been more scared than others are buying extra stocks of foodstuff while several others have left the place for localities that are generally unaffected by floods.

## Train Held Up.

Wet weather continues and the flood is still with us, says the Ipoh paper of Nov. 7. The main trunk road from Ipoh as far as Ulu Yam was passable for traffic on Sunday although sections along the road after passing Gongeng were under water. Kuala Dipang was also under water and Kuala Kubu was a sea of mud.

After leaving Kuala Kubu a different state of conditions was apparent. Usually placid ankle deep streams were roaring torrents of more than two or three feet in depth and nearly all roadside drains were full to the brim.

Just south of Ulu Yam the road was so badly submerged that no car could pass. A dash was made to the Ulu Yam railway station in the hope of being able to persuade the stationmaster to hold up the day mail train from Ipoh to Kuala Lumpur, but it was learned that 100 yards south of the station a portion of the permanent way was submerged and that cutting slips which were visible after being submerged showed cracking in several places. In another section one side of the permanent way had sunk three feet. The work of repairing the damage was quickly tackled.

At 10.10 p.m., the mail train puffed out of the station, where it had had an enforced stay of over five hours! Progress was "dead slow," nearly ten minutes being taken to cover the area that was the cause of all the trouble.

The whole plain alongside the line was a sheet of water completely blotting out the main trunk road, which was only indicated by the number of stranded cars only partly visible. Other cars and lorries, 30 or 40 in number, were held up. At Ulu Yam about 50 cars were held up.

The train, which had started from Ipoh at 1.3 p.m., eventually reached Kuala Lumpur at 12.30 a.m., although due there at 6.35 p.m. This meant that all passengers between Penang and Kuala Lumpur who were travelling to Singapore had missed the night mail at Kuala Lumpur.

## KNIGHT'S DEATH.

CAREER OF SIR WILFRID  
PEEK.

The death of Sir Wilfrid Peek, third baronet, of Francis, Peek and Co., took place in Paris on October 13. He had been ill for some time in the American Hospital there. Sir Wilfrid was the grandson of Sir Henry Peek, the first baronet, at one time M.P. for Mid-Surrey, and the head of the City firm of tea merchants, Peek Brothers, of Eastcheap.

Sir Henry married Miss Edgar, a daughter of a partner in the firm of Swan and Edgar. Their son, Sir Cuthbert Edgar Peek, one of H.M. Lieutenants for the City of London, married the Hon. Augusta Louisa Brodick, daughter of the eighth Viscount Midleton. When Sir Cuthbert died in 1901 the present Earl of Midleton was guardian to his son, Sir Wilfrid, who was then 15 years of age.

Sir Wilfrid Peek was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. He was a magistrate for Devon and High Sheriff of that county in 1912, and served in the late Royal 1st Devon Yeomanry, of which he was major. During the war he gained the D.S.O. in 1918, and on one occasion was reported to have been killed.

He had a narrow escape while tiger-hunting in India, being mauled by a panther, and only rescued by a clever shot from a friend. In 1913 he married Edwina, daughter of the late William Henry Thornburgh, of St. Louis, United States, and leaves a son, Francis Henry Grenville Peek, who is 12 years old, and succeeds to the title.

## FLORENCE MILLS.

DEATH FROM APPENDICITIS  
REPORTED.

New York, Nov. 2.  
The death is announced of the coloured revue artiste, Florence Mills, as the result of an attack of appendicitis. "Times of Ceylon."

[The late Florence Mills was a great favourite on both sides of the Atlantic. She returned to America recently after a long and successful season in London, in "Black Birds."]

## CHEAP LIGHT.

CURRENT FROM ANOTHER  
TENANT'S MAIN.

## WIRE CONNECTED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the principal tenant of the second floor of No. 28 Cooke Street, charged the occupant of the first floor before Mr. W. Schofield with larceny of electricity.

His suspicions being aroused by the inexplicable increase in his electric light bill, the complainant kept watch for several nights, and on Monday he saw the accused connect a wire to his (complainant's) mains. It has also been ascertained that although the tenants of the first floor did not have a meter installed, they had been using an electric light for the past month.

The accused admitted connecting his light to the complainant's mains, but alleged that he had the complainant's permission to do so.

This the complainant denied, and the Magistrate fined the accused \$25, or, in default, one month's hard labour.

## JUMP FROM WINDOW

SEQUEL TO A RAID BY THE  
POLICE.

Killed as the result of jumping through a window during a police raid at No. 7a, Cross Street, on October 31, the death of a Chinese woman formed the subject of an inquest which was held in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Evidence given by Inspector Bloor was that he raided the house at 9.30 p.m. on suspicion that it was being run as a sly brothel. On entering the premises, he went to the rear cubicle where he found two young girls, two men, and an old woman. He told them who he was, and then proceeded to search the place, leaving a Chinese detective in charge of the rear cubicle. Suddenly an alarm was raised by the detective, and when the witness went to the rear cubicle, he saw that the girl had dropped out of the window. The ambulance was telephoned for and she was removed to the hospital.

Dr. J. R. Craig said that the woman died at 8.10 p.m. on November 1, and the autopsy revealed that death was due to fracture of the skull.

The inquiry was adjourned until Friday, the Coroner directing that the deceased's mother should be called to give evidence.



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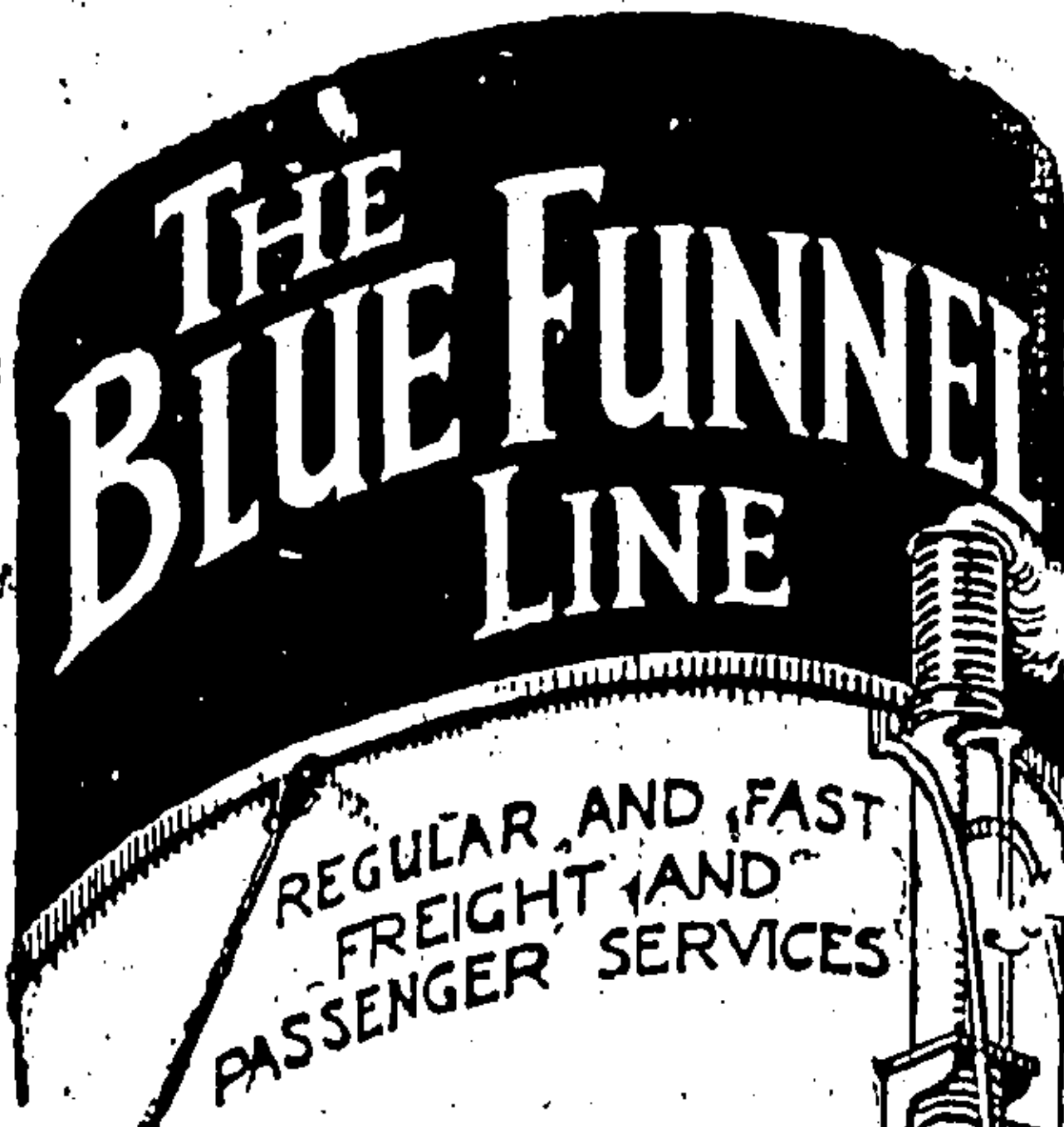
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\*Correspondence bearing vessels' name only.

## 1914-1927.

### Comparison of Our Army.

#### STRIKING FIGURES.

British Policy Of Peace Maintained.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Minister, speaking last night referred to Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson's recent striking declaration on war and welcomed the fact that so many men of different schools of thought and upbringing were devoting their minds to the means for preventing future war. He urged that to ensure progress the subject should be kept above party politics and declared the determination of the Government to advance the cause of armament limitation and to do everything possible to enlist the support of other nations.

Sir Samuel Hoare gave striking figures comparing our present forces with those before the war. In August, 1914, Great Britain had 44 batteries. In July, 1927, that number had been reduced to 12. In 1914 there were 174,500 officers and men in the Army and last year that number had been reduced to 151,100.

To-day Great Britain had 750 first line aeroplanes but the strength of the greatest air power in Europe—and he could make the comparison without fear of giving offence for, happily, Britain was on the best of terms with France—was 1,840 first rate machines.

Without desiring to name other countries, Sir Samuel Hoare said the figures show Great Britain to have gone far beyond other large European nations in reducing armaments while her policy had invariably been directed to promoting peace.—British Wireless Service.

## HOME BY XMAS.

### CLASS "A" RESERVISTS IN CHINA.

#### WAR SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

London, Yesterday.  
Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, stated in the House of Commons to-day that all class "A" Reservists other than those detained by sickness or other unforeseen causes would have left China before Xmas but he was not sure whether those sailing on the last ships would reach their homes by Xmas.—British Wireless Service.

## ROUMANIAN TRIAL.

### QUESTION LOYALTY TO THRONE.

#### PRINCE CAROL'S WISH.

Bucharest, Yesterday.  
The courtmartial acquitted Mandilescu by three votes to two. The defence protested his loyalty to the throne and his innocence of any subversive action. He said that the ex-Crown Prince Carol wished to return as regent for his son.—Reuter.

## MR. AMERY'S TOUR.

### PLANS FOR VISITING THE DOMINIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Sir George Hennessey stated in Parliament to-day on behalf of the Dominions Office that Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, who is making a tour of the Dominions, according to his present plans would leave Australia for New Zealand on November 17, reaching New Zealand on November 27. He would later sail for Canada and would be there from January 5 until February 8 or 10 and it might be expected that he would be back in England a week later.—British Wireless Service.

## FRENCH TARIFFS.

### THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WITH AMERICA.

Paris, Yesterday.  
It is announced that the Foreign Minister has informed the United States Embassy that new tariff rates, applicable to certain American goods under the recent Franco-American arrangement, will be enforced on November 21.—Reuter.

## INDIA'S AFFAIRS.

### Statutory Commission Bill.

#### SECOND READING.

Birkenhead On Recent Encouraging Tendencies.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Earl of Birkenhead in the House of Lords moved the second reading of the Bill setting up the India Statutory Commission. He reminded the House that it was originally contemplated that at a period of ten years there should be appointed a Commission to examine the progress which had been made and to report to Parliament upon the existing situation. There was no special magic in the period of ten years. They might assume it was adopted as a convenient period affording sufficient time for instruction of those whose duty it might be to re-examine the whole situation.

Since his accession to the office of Secretary for India he had been greatly pressed in many quarters to accelerate the appointment of the Commission. It had not seemed to him and his responsible advisers in India that the atmosphere at the moment when those appeals—he might almost say demands—were put forward was such as to afford much encouragement to those who were invited to make a change. But there was never any view that the period so fixed had necessarily to receive pedantic adherence.

Non-co-operation Failure.  
"I do not wish," said Earl Birkenhead, "to under-rate such encouraging tendencies as have manifested themselves in India in the course of the last two or three years. Such tendencies there have been. There has been a growing realisation in my judgment that the policy of non-co-operation was not in itself very happily conceived nor likely to create in this country the general impression that those who were unwilling to co-operate in working the existing constitution had fully established their case for acceleration at the moment when that constitution was to be re-examined. There has been unquestionably in the last two or three years a change of tone and temper in India and changes have nearly all been in the direction of improved relationship."

Opinion in India.  
Continuing, Earl Birkenhead said that it was his duty, very carefully and without heat or resentment but equally without any exaggeration, to examine closely the opinion which was entertained in India in relation to the present proposals of the Government and to appraise their value and importance. But to-day he wished merely to justify the view held by the Government that the moment had arrived at which the appointment of this Commission might suitably and without danger to the public interest be accelerated. He believed that all three parties in the House were agreed that the moment had arrived when we might usefully approach the greatest constitution problem which had faced statesmen of this country for many generations.

Labour and Liberal Support.  
Lord Oliver, Former Labour Secretary for India, said that the Labour Party fully supported the Bill while reserving themselves in regard to procedure and the constitution of the Commission.  
Lord Reading, ex-Viceroy of India, said that the Liberal party approved the Bill. The Government had acted wisely and had really shown a desire to consult the views of India in regard to an earlier date for the statutory period. It was solely in the public interest of India that the Government had determined to curtail the time. When Indians fully understood the views of the Government and the opportunities that would be given them to make their case heard there would be a much less tendency to take an adverse view of the appointment of the Commission. The Bill was read a second time.—British Wireless Service.

Cold Reception.  
Calcutta, Nov. 4.  
"As the interviews at present taking place between the Viceroy and prominent politicians are entirely confidential, all that I can attempt to convey is the atmosphere," says the special correspondent of "The Statesman" at Delhi. He adds:

## TANK EXPLOSION.

### "A Shell-Shattered Area."

#### COLLAPSE OF HOUSES.

Hospital Steps Covered With Blood.

Pittsburg, Yesterday.  
Workmen using acetylene torches to repair the giant gas tank are believed to be responsible for the explosion which brought the crazed inhabitants rushing from their houses in the belief that the town had been visited by an earthquake.

All available police, firemen, doctors and nurses are still on duty caring for the injured and rescuing the entombed.

An area of a square mile has been roped off and resembles a shell-shattered area of a war zone. Dangling telephone and electric wires, unearthed water pipes, broken glass and masonry strew the roads.

All the hospitals are crowded with victims, who are so numerous that the Allegheny Hospital steps at the main door are covered with blood.

So far 28 are known to be dead and more are missing. Many vehicles commandeered for transport of the injured were ironically labelled "No Accident Month," which Pittsburg with other municipalities is at present celebrating.

Heavy casualties occurred in the rows of flimsy tenements and houses in side streets, which collapsed burying the tenants.—Reuter's American Service.

Poignant Incidents.  
Pittsburg, Yesterday.  
Poignant incidents are associated with yesterday's explosion. Thousands of people surged at the doors of the morgue anxious to view the dead. The authorities appealed to those actuated by curiosity to depart and make room for those bereaved. The morgue was so congested that the regular undertakers summoned outside assistance. Monetary subscriptions are already flowing in freely.—Reuter's American Service.

## SHIPPING CHARGES.

### PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S DISCRIMINATION.

#### ANOTHER FLAG DISPUTE.

London, Yesterday.  
Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade, was asked what progress had been made in the negotiations with the Portuguese Government over their flag discrimination decrees.  
Sir Philip said he understood that the Commission appointed by the Portuguese Government to examine the question of shipping charges had made its report and a decree might be issued by the Portuguese Government shortly. The decree when issued would be examined to see how far it met the joint representation made to the Portuguese Government.—British Wireless Service.

"Here again, my own impressions may be all wrong, but on the whole I am prepared to trust them to the extent of putting them in print, leaving the readers to decide for themselves when the curtain is lifted. This is timed for Tuesday."

The past twenty-four hours have served to confirm my impression that the Viceroy is receiving no encouragement. Unless Delhi is largely inhabited by politicians and bureaucrats who cultivate power faces, one is not likely to prove wrong in taking a gloomy view.

"Nowhere have I seen any signs of exhilaration, and the Statutory Commission seems likely to be launched in a frozen sea, where it will have to use a great deal of engine power before it begins to cut any ice."

All sorts of logical arguments for the exclusion of Indians can doubtless be found, but psychologically the only argument for it seems to be that one of the principal functions of England, under God's Providence, is to be a stimulating irritant of Indian Nationalism. This function, it seems likely in this instance, the Commission will help England to fulfil, so perhaps all is for the best.

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